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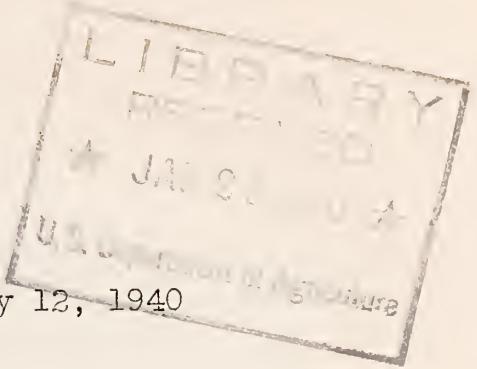


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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. CIVIL SERVICE RULES ON CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE "HATCH ACT"

In The A. M. S. News dated January 15, 1940, will appear an item under the above heading which all employees of this Division should read. This is important.

2a. ENCLOSURE

There is enclosed for each office a mimeographed copy of an address entitled "Report on the Present Status of Crop Estimates, Market News and Grade Standards" which Mr. Meal delivered before the Fruit and Vegetable Conference, American Farm Bureau Federation, held at Chicago on December 4, 1939.

3a. NOTE ENCLOSED ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED CONTAINER STANDARDIZATION LEGISLATION

Enclosed with this issue for each office is a copy of an analysis of a bill introduced into the last regular session of Congress by Congressman Somers of New York (H.R. 5530) regarding further standardization of containers for fruits and vegetables.

A measure of this kind is naturally of considerable interest to this Division, particularly those engaged in Inspection and Market News work whose duties involve daily contacts with the trade. While it is not our function to sponsor or take any position regarding measures pending in Congress, we should be able to answer general questions directed to us on matters pertaining to our work. The enclosed material has been prepared to inform you regarding the essential features of the legislation. Additional copies are available as long as the supply lasts.

As the statement shows, the proposed bill is designed to (1) consolidate in one law the provisions of existing laws establishing standard containers for fruits and vegetables (barrels, hampers, and baskets) and (2) to extend the principle of simplification and standardization to those types of containers not now standardized in any way by Federal law (crates, boxes, sacks, cartons, drums, etc.)

W.G. Meal

4a. HELP LOCATE EDWARD J. SHEEHAN

Edward J. Sheehan is desired as a witness in a pending case under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act. He has been engaged in handling produce by truck, hauling chiefly from Vermont and other New England States and from upper New York State to New York City and environs. He formerly lived at Pottersville, New York, and Troy, New York, but more recently has been reported in Colorado. Anyone having definite information concerning the present address of Edward J. Sheehan please wire Mr. Spilman.

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-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. CHANGE ON GOD-GOT (MISCELLANEOUS MARKET PHRASES) OF CODE

Effective January 20, 1940

On the GOD-GOT (MISCELLANEOUS MARKET PHRASES) of the code change the meaning of

GODOT brokers' carlot sales Ft. Worth basis to read  
GODOT carlot sales delivered Ft. Worth basis

This change is made at the suggestion of Mr. Gregory who advises that about half of the wholesale houses of Ft. Worth now buy direct, and the revised phrasing will make it possible to include direct purchases in his quotations.

2b. MAIL REPORTS FROM TEMPORARY MARKET NEWS FIELD OFFICES

When item 3a was written for the D. L. dated December 29, 1939, the fact was overlooked that those employees operating temporary field stations submitted a report covering the count and weight of mail on the Field Men's Daily Report (Form M.S.-32). Accordingly, the above mentioned item should be disregarded by all temporary market news field offices inasmuch as it is still desired that these offices submit the daily report of mail.

3b. INTERESTING SITUATION DEVELOPS ON CHICAGO POTATO MARKET

It may be of interest to learn that offerings of new crop Bliss Triumph potatoes from Florida, Texas and California have met with a very slow and limited demand on the Chicago market so far this season. There appears to be no interest in new potatoes at the present time on the part of the local trade. This lack of demand and interest in new crop potatoes has resulted in local receivers and jobbers finding it exceedingly difficult to move available supplies into consumptive channels.

The principal reason for this lack of demand is the fact that Nebraska Triumphs have been of unusually good quality this season and have cooked exceptionally well. Regular supplies of Nebraska Triumphs, that have been carefully graded and washed, have been available on this market throughout the fall and winter months. These washed Triumphs have been bright and attractive in appearance and well liked by the trade in general. In fact, it is often difficult to tell them from new potatoes. There has been active and keen competition on this market between the washed Nebraska Triumphs and offerings of new stock from Southern and Western points, with the local trade being very reluctant to pay the higher price for new potatoes. Jobbers report that retailers seem to prefer the best quality, washed Nebraska Triumphs to the new crop.

This is a rather interesting situation that has developed on the local potato market this season. (A.B. Farlinger, 1/9/40)

4b. NEW YORK PRODUCTS

During the week ended January 6th, the demand in Western New York was good for cabbage, moderate for onions and potatoes, but was light for apples and carrots. Several inches of snow accompanied by high winds and cold weather hampered haulings.

Cabbage prices advanced during the week, with carlot f.o.b. sales toward the close ranging \$18.00-22.00, sacked per ton. Growers were receiving \$12.00-15.00. A recent unofficial survey made by local shippers indicates that on December 30th 3,600 carloads of cabbage were on hand in Western New York. This amount is less than last season but more than two years ago.

Onion prices were firm during the week and the price tendency was upward. Carlot sales ranged 56-65¢ per 50-lb. sack. Growers were not selling freely at 80-90¢ per cwt., the price most shippers were offering. A few lots changed hands at 95¢.

Potato haulings were very light, principally because of the weather. Prices advanced slightly to \$1.30-1.40 per 100-lb. sack of Round Whites, in carlots. Prices to growers also advanced, ranging 58-68¢, mostly 63-68¢, delivered to the dealers' warehouses.

Apple prices held steady, but the demand from the regular commercial channels was light.

A few scattered sales of carrots were reported at \$28.00 per ton, sacked or bulk in carlots f.o.b. shipping point. A few growers' sales were reported at \$24.00-25.00, bulk per ton. (J.C.Keller, 1/8/40)

5b. WISCONSIN POTATOES

Potato shipments from Wisconsin increased slightly during the past two weeks, but were still light. The demand improved markedly, with the market making a 5¢ advance on Round Whites, US#1, in hundred pound sacks, f.o.b. basis.

Truck movement has been quite a bit lighter during the last few days, partly on account of colder weather.

Much stock is moving tagged "Unclassified." There is a wide range in the quality of potatoes so marked, with some of this stock apparently of good quality. Inspection is not compulsory on "Unclassified" lots. (P.A.Nicholson 1/9/40)

B.C.Boree

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<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel	933	A.M.McDowell	Lettuce	Jan. 8	Feb. 21
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Building	895	R.E.Keller	Apples Onions Potatoes	Nov. 3 Nov. 3 Nov. 3	Jan. 13 March 30 April 13
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 25	April 13
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 3	June 15
*Plant City, Fla. P.O. Box 449	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries	Jan. 8	March 30
*Pompano, Fla. State Farmers' Market	937	J.B.Owens	Beans Peppers Peas Tomatoes Potatoes	Dec. 26 Jan. 4 Jan. 4 Feb. 1 Feb. 1	April 6 April 6 March 10 April 6 April 6
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 20
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Sept. 5 Sept. 25 Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Dec. 26 Oct. 21 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6
*Sanford, Florida Farmers' State Market	910	T.R.Butts	Celery	Jan. 8	April 30
*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	894	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31
*Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 16 Nov. 6	March 31 May 29
*State cooperating					

**-INSPECTION SERVICE-****1f. SHOW HATCH COVER SEAL NUMBERS WHEN REQUESTED**

Some shippers are requesting destination inspectors to show the hatch cover seal numbers. It has been the practice of these shippers to have the hatch covers sealed on cars which are shipped under initial ice. Sometimes no seals are found at destination. If a receiver or shipper specifically requests a notation to show the absence of seals or the numbers of seals which are found on the car this should be done and the information included under "Condition of car."

**2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION**

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417  
North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Martinsburg, W.Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.

**3f. ENCLOSURES**

V.A. Item No. 3, Bananas, and V.A. Item No. 40, Celery, appearing on pages 4 and 14 respectively, Standard Specifications for Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables, Veterans Administration Facilities, have been rescinded and replaced by the revised sections of the same, to become effective with future contracts entered into by the Facilities. These/ revised sections are furnished herewith to inspection offices which on Nov. 21, 1936 were sent Standard Specifications for Fresh Fruits and Fresh Vegetables, Veterans Administration Facilities, effective July 1, 1936. The enclosed amended sections should be pasted or stapled over the corresponding items in your copies of Standard Specifications for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables. Although the marginal index calls this an amendment to the issue of May 1, 1938, that issue was merely a reprint of the issue effective July 1, 1936, with the amendment on bananas incorporated in it instead of stapled over it, as in the issue effective July 1, 1936 sent to some of the offices.

**4f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:**

Swick and Schwartz,	Middletown, N.Y.	\$8.90
Howard Fenton Company,	23 North Huron St.	
	Toledo, Ohio	5.50

**PLEASE DEDUCT FROM LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:**

R. Stenzel,	233 Produce Bldg.,	\$1.00
	Los Angeles, Calif.	

Toledo Fruit Co.	610 Market St.,	\$5.50
	Toledo, Ohio	



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5f. RECEIVING MARKET INSPECTION OPENED IN CHARLESTON, S.C. BY O.G. STRAUSS

Mr. O.G. Strauss, who was formerly Supervisor of shipping point inspection work in Florida and who resigned in 1934 to assist with the marketing agreement covering citrus fruit in that State, has been reinstated under a project undertaken between the South Carolina Extension Service, The Farm Credit Administration, and the Agricultural Marketing Service for a period of six months beginning January 1. He will make receiving point inspections of produce received in Charleston, S.C., particularly seed potatoes during the months of January and February. His address will be in care of the County Agent, County Center Building, Marion Square, Charleston, S.C.

In addition to his inspection work Mr. Strauss will handle the Market News work at Charleston. In the past the news office has closed at the end of the potato deal. It is expected under the new arrangements to keep the office open several weeks longer in order to provide reports for tomatoes and cucumbers. Mr. Strauss will also conduct demonstrations and do other educational work intended to assist growers and shippers in their grading and packing of produce grown in the Charleston area in order to remedy the present wide variation in the quality of the products shipped to market.

All States which are sending lists of inspected cars direct to receiving markets should include Mr. Strauss in their mailing list.

6f. REQUEST FOR LOANS OF GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS

During the last two weeks a large shipper has requested several of our offices for loans of the Handbook covering diseases of vegetables occurring under market, storage and transit conditions issued by Plant Industry on May 24, 1919. It is contrary to the policy of the Department Library to make loans of reference books of this kind to private individuals and it would be impracticable from the standpoint of our Inspection Service to send out publications which are frequently needed for reference work. It is therefore suggested that when requests of this kind are received they be forwarded to this office for reply.

F.G. Robb

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OFFICE NOTES

E.J. Evans of the New York processed foods inspection office is spending several days in Washington handling the work usually handled by Mr. Billman, who is still on sick leave.

H.S. Slamp will visit mushroom canning plants in the vicinity of Chester, Pennsylvania, incident to the development of A. M. S. standards for canned mushrooms and Federal specifications for this item.

The Processed Foods Inspection Project is handling a large volume of inspections of dried fruits purchased by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation this winter. W.A. Dorman is operating a temporary office at Rochester for the inspection of dried apples, J.E. Dodds at Portland is handling the inspection of approximately 5,000 tons of dried prunes, while E.R. Thompson is handling the inspection of approximately 38,000 tons of raisins at a temporary inspection office at Fresno, Calif. The Federal-State Inspection Services in the states mentioned inspect the product as it is received at processors' plants, while the A. M. S. inspectors are concerned with the final certification of grade of the finished product.

H.M. Riley, Winter Haven, Florida, advises the inspection office has moved from Room 19 Postal Arcade Building to Rooms 10 and 11 of the same building. Mr. Riley's Post Office Box No. is 1232.

Paul M. Williams, during the period January 21-23 will attend meetings of the National Canners Association and the Packers, Distributors and Brokers of Quick Frozen Foods at Chicago. Mr. Williams will address the latter meeting on the subject "The Development of Official Grades for Frozen Fruits and Vegetables."

C. E. Partridge, for a few days during the current week, is assisting with a rush of work in the Philadelphia inspection office.



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1a. CALCULATING HOURLY SALARIES

Hereafter employees who are paid at an hourly salary which is based on dividing the minimum salary of the classification grade for one day by 7 or 8 can not be paid on any one day in excess of 7 or 8 hours as the case may be. Employees paid on such basis should not be kept overtime with any thought of overtime pay.

2a. INCREASE IN GOVERNMENT RATES ON OFFICIAL DOMESTIC TELEGRAMS

Due to a sharp increase in Government rates on official domestic telegrams each employee using commercial telegrams is earnestly urged to cooperate in reducing the wordage to an absolute minimum. It is frequently possible to bring urgently needed material to its proper destination through the use of the telegraphic night letter or day letter in lieu of a straight message. Please do not use commercial wires when air mail or regular mail service will accomplish the same result.

3a. ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Attendance at meetings must be approved in advance by the office of the Secretary. There is also a limitation as to the number of employees in the Department who may be authorized to attend any one meeting. Requests to attend meetings must be submitted to the Administrative Office for consideration at least two weeks prior to the date of the meeting, except in cases of emergency. Hereafter, any expense account claiming expenses for attendance at a meeting, where prior administrative approval has not been given, will not be administratively approved for payment.

4a. HELP LOCATE DAVID HALE

The Department is interested in learning the whereabouts of David Hale, formerly of Fairmont, Minn. Letters addressed to him there have been redirected to Kansas City, Kansas, and returned undelivered. Anyone having any information relative to Mr. Hale should advise Mr. H.A. Spilman.

5a. ENCLOSURE

Two mimeographed copies of an address delivered by Mr. Kitchen at the Annual Meeting of United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Association, Houston, Texas, January 16-19, 1940, accompanies this issue of the D.L. for each office. Additional copies are available.

There is also enclosed, for each office, copy of an address entitled "The Why and How of Apple Grades" by Mr. Meal, delivered at a meeting of the Massachusetts Fruit Growers' Association and American Pomological Society, Worcester, Mass., January 4, 1940.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. NOTICE: THE LIST OF TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE, APPEARING ON PAGE 4, DIVISION LETTER DATED JANUARY 12, 1940, REMAINS UNCHANGED AND, THEREFORE, IS NOT BEING REPRINTED IN THIS ISSUE.

2b. SHIPMENT\_OF\_IDAHO\_POTATOES\_CURTAILED\_DUE\_TO\_WEATHER\_CONDITIONS

Idaho shared in the subzero weather this week which curtailed potato shipments in a number of States and interfered with trading on important markets. With the lowest temperatures of the season, shippers at many points in the Snake River Valley found the hauling of supplies from farm cellars unsafe except under special circumstances. Following the liberal shipments of the first half of January, Idaho, and some of the other States, restricted loadings very materially this week as a result of hauling conditions.

No great change in price levels has occurred in Idaho recently but offerings of U.S. No. 2 grade have been especially limited. Some increase in shipments is expected with the moderation of temperatures at loading points. A better movement of carlot supplies on the terminals is generally predicted with more favorable weather for opening and unloading cars. Renewed buying is anticipated to replenish depleted supplies. Orders which could not be filled during the cold spell will be loaded as soon as conditions permit. (Ralph G. Risser, 1/20/40)

3b. WEATHER CONDITIONS RETARD SHIPMENTS MICHIGAN PRODUCTS

Sub-zero, snowy weather featured the Michigan produce deal during the past week, making farm delivery difficult and shipments hazardous. Hence movement has been light and trading slow on all produce.

POTATOES. There was little change in the potato market this past week. Growers were unable to make appreciable deliveries and shippers found it equally difficult to move trucklots which account for the bulk of the movement. F.o.b. prices and cash to grower prices remained practically unchanged.

ONIONS. Trading was slow and movement light on onions due mostly to cold weather, but the frosts reported in Texas Thursday and Friday nights have caused growers to hold back and await developments. There has been no change so far in f.o.b. prices, but the undertone is distinctly stronger.

APPLES. Trading has been light and market steady on apples during the past week. (R.E. Keller, 1/20/40)

4b. IMPERIAL VALLEY MARKETING ACTIVE

After losing most of the price advance made during the early part of the season, the market suddenly became active two or three days ago and lettuce prices reached their highest levels to date, with most shippers and buyers confident that further advances were in prospect for the next few days. The change in the weather was probably the factor which was responsible for the changed situation. The weather this winter has been unusually warm and except for three or four frosty mornings just after Christmas there has been almost no frost or cool weather to hold the lettuce back, until this past week, when heavy frosts occurred almost every morning. With maturity retarded, loadings became more in line with market requirements and buyers became more active, especially on Friday and Saturday, when quality and price appeared to be no object. Even 6-dozen size, which has been moving very slowly for the last two months or more, sold readily at higher prices.

Efforts of shippers to hold back lettuce loadings during the previous week, when offerings were considerably in excess of demand, resulted in some stock which was left too long in the field bursting or showing cracked ribs. Some tipburn also showed up and the frosts of the last several mornings have made appearance a little less attractive, and the general quality of the most recent loadings has not been up to that of stock harvested earlier in the season. From 65 to 75 percent of the inspected cars have been grading U.S. No. 1 and most of the remainder have graded 85 percent U.S. No. 1 quality. Some cars of poorer quality, however, have not been inspected. The percentage of 4-dozen size has dropped from about 20 percent a week ago to around 10 percent the last few days, while 6-dozen size has increased from about 10 percent to 20 percent. With the higher prices now being received for the latter size, the percentage may continue to increase, as some shippers had been throwing them away or leaving them unharvested in the fields.

Carlot shipments from the Imperial Valley to date total 3,660 cars, and there have been approximately 450 additional which have moved by truck. Most estimates are for a total of 6,500 to 7,000 cars by rail for the entire season. With normal weather conditions, it will be four or five weeks before shipments may be expected to start falling off and the season begins to draw to a close.

In the Yuma district of Arizona, the coming week is expected to be the lightest of the entire shipping season. Most shippers have completed harvesting their fall lettuce and spring lettuce is not yet ready. Present estimates are that spring lettuce may start in a light way between February 5 and 10, depending upon the weather. A small acreage of the so-called midwinter lettuce will be harvested during the next two weeks or so. The estimate for the coming week is only 35-40 cars and very little more than that during each of the following two weeks.

IMPERIAL VALLEY MARKETING ACTIVE (cont'd)

Cooler weather has slowed up maturing of the spring crop in Phoenix, although it is generally believed that a period of warm weather would still bring it on as early as February 15, while cool weather might set it back to February 25. Some acreage in the Phoenix district was not planted until late December and the spring season may be drawn out longer than usual if weather conditions permit the latest acreage to mature properly.

The heavy frosts in the Imperial Valley at the start of the past week caused considerable damage to peas, squash, and tomatoes, although the damage to early covered cantaloups was not as serious as had been feared. Some of the early melons are well advanced for this stage of the season; some vines already had small melons formed, others were in blossom, and many had leaves crowding against the paper covers. Before the frosts, some shippers were anticipating that the earliest carlot movement might start shortly after the first of April, which would make the 1940 season one of the earliest on record. Although the damage apparently has been light, the crop may have been set back a little.

Carrot acreage this year is even heavier than last year's record planting. Shipments started a little earlier than usual but increased very slowly. Unfavorable marketing conditions this week caused some growers and shippers to hold back on harvesting, but with the better demand and higher prices of the last two days following the cold weather in Texas shipments have shown a tendency to increase and unless the market reacts, shipments should be fairly heavy by the middle of this week. Quality has been variable, some lots being exceptionally fine and others rather ordinary. Color has been better than last year, but many of the carrots harvested early in the season were rough and misshapen. Most carrot men think that the quality will improve as the season progresses.

Considerable speculation occurred in cabbage the last two days, also a result of the cold weather in Texas. Only one car has been shipped so far, which was sold at 75¢. On Thursday, cabbage was offered at 65¢ per western crate, with no takers, but one block of five cars was reported sold Saturday at \$1.00 per crate for shipment during the coming week. There are approximately 1,000 acres of cabbage in the Imperial Valley this season, which is slightly heavier than in 1939. (A. M. McDowell, 1/21/40)

5b. INCLUDE IN DAILY REPORTS STATEMENT REGARDING QUALITY OF PRODUCE QUOTED

While it is still the general understanding that unless otherwise stated prices in our market news reports represent stock of good or generally good quality and condition, a number of the offices are not including in the heading of their bulletins, before any prices, an explanatory statement to this effect. The phrase which in HB 323 we requested be used, reads

NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL QUOTATIONS ARE ON  
STOCK OF GOOD MERCHANTABLE QUALITY AND CONDITION

If it is desired to save space the first word "note" may be omitted.

6b. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES ON THE WHITE POTATO AND SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS PAGES OF THE CODE  
 (Effective February 3)

On the potato (PA-PE) page of the code cancel meanings for

PED 165 pound sacks and

IV farm pack and add

PEC brushed

PED unwashed

PEP washed

IC brushed

IP unwashed

IV washed

It will then be possible to make several combinations between these terms and containers, varieties and grades that may save occasional words in the potato wires. These terms are added as the result of a suggestion from Mr. Risser.

Also on the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code, add

DIC Eagle Pass and Nearby South Texas Points

DIY Platte Valley Points

DOC And Green Bay Section

Also to the meaning of DOM add the word "Points", so the phrase will now read

DOM West Michigan Points

7b. WISCONSIN POTATO LOADINGS HAMPERED BY WEATHER CONDITIONS

There has been a fair to moderate demand for Wisconsin potatoes during most of the last two weeks; however, the demand has been light the last few days. Carloads of hundred pounds sacks of Round Whites, US#1, have generally commanded \$1.10-1.15 on an f.o.b. basis during this period.

A blizzard on Saturday night, January 13, lasting into Sunday, blocked roads. This, and the following sub-zero temperatures, reduced haulings to practically nothing. This week saw the loading of very few cars until Saturday, January 20, when temperatures were slightly higher.

In general, little confidence in the potato market of the next few weeks seems to be exhibited by buyers and shippers in this section, with most of them buying only to meet their immediate needs. (Paul A. Nicholson, 1/23/40)

Division Letter, January 26, 1940

**-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION-**

**1d. USE CARE IN SCHEDULING CHECKS ON FORM 1044**

Attention is called to the fact that, in typing schedules of collections, very often the information typed on the schedule is not complete. For example: a check from R.S. Watson and Son will be scheduled, R. S. Watson, or R.S. Watson Co. It is suggested that the complete firm name be given in each case.

This information is especially needed in connection with checks credited to "Special Deposit." In case of refund, if checks deposited to an account are not scheduled exactly as the firm name to which the money is to be refunded, there is difficulty in passing the refund voucher for payment.

**OFFICE NOTES**

R.C. Lindstrom, of the Chicago office, will be on leave during the period January 16-March 30.

C.L. Powell, of the Newark office, advises his home address is now 140 Roseville Ave., (apartment 1910), Newark, N.J. Residence telephone: Humboldt 2-1199.

Under date of January 16, F.E. Bailey, Yakima, office advises: "Due to alterations in the local postoffice, it has been necessary to assign a temporary postoffice box to this office. It is P.O. Box 694. Please discontinue addressing mail to Box 78. Another permanent box number will be assigned in three or four months."

J.C. Bigger has gone to San Jose, California, where he will remain several months for the purpose of assisting with the inspection of large quantities of processed foods for the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Wm. G. Meal will leave Washington the latter part of the coming week, for approximately one month, to visit various points in the States of Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas and Florida. During the period February 7-9 Mr. Meal will attend a meeting of the Southern Agricultural Workers Association at Birmingham, Alabama, at which he will speak on the subject "Organization of the Agricultural Marketing Service and Assistance it is Rendering the Southern States in Improving Marketing Methods and Facilities with Particular Reference to Marketing Services offered by the Fruit and Vegetable Division."

In the interest of the Processed Foods Grading work, Paul M. Williams is en route to the Pacific Coast where he will confer with growers, members of the trade and others, with particular reference to the work necessary as a result of various purchasing programs conducted by the F.S.C.C.

**-INSPECTION SERVICE-**

**f. FURNISHING INFORMATION REGARDING INSPECTIONS TO BOARD OF HEALTH OFFICIALS**

A market has recently raised a question as to whether they should furnish an official of the Board of Health information regarding the results of an inspection requested by the owner of a certain lot of produce which the Board of Health had ordered held pending their final determination as to dumping because not suitable for distribution through the usual channels of trade. The owner, who applied for Federal inspection, objected to having the results of this inspection given to the Board of Health. Question -- Should the Board of Health be given the results of the inspection under such circumstances? Answer -- Regulation 4, Section 2, of S.R.A. 93, Second Revision, recognizes municipal governments as financially interested parties. They are therefore entitled to request inspections and as financially interested parties may also obtain copies of inspection certificates. It is therefore proper to furnish such officials with the results of such inspections. If the applicant objects he should be advised that under the regulations of the Secretary the municipal government is a financially interested party and as such is entitled to this information. The same policy should be followed in handling requests for such information by State, county, or other governmental agencies.

**f. USE CARE IN SCHEDULING CHECKS ON FORM 1044**

Attention is called to the fact that in typing schedules of collections very often the information typed on the schedule is not complete. For example: check from the Moore-McCormack Lines, Inc., will be scheduled, Moore McCormack, Moore McCormack Co., Moore McCormack Lines. It is suggested that the complete firm name be given in each case.

This information is especially needed in connection with checks credited to "Special Deposit." In case of refund, if checks deposited to an account are not scheduled exactly as the firm name to which the money is to be refunded, there is difficulty in passing the refund voucher for payment.

In offices where a "Declaration of Intention" has been signed by the Agwilines, Inc.", and most of the checks are from the Clyde Mallory Lines it is requested that these checks be scheduled, "Clyde Mallory Lines for Agwilines, Inc.".

Attention is again called to the fact that eight copies of the schedules are needed in the Washington office.

**f. REVISED U.S. STANDARDS FOR ONION SETS (EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 1940)**

A copy of the Revised U.S. Standards for Onion Sets (Effective February 1, 1940), accompanies this D.L. for each inspector.

**f. "BACTERIAL WILT AND SOFT ROT OF THE POTATO IN MAINE"**

During the past week there has been mailed to each office a copy of Bulletin No. 396, issued by The Maine Agricultural Experiment Station, entitled Bacterial Wilt and Soft Rot of the Potato in Maine."



5f. BLACKOUTS IN COLD STORAGE FREQUENTLY HAPPEN

Inspectors should always notify responsible employees of the storage company upon making an inspection in any cold storage room. There is always the possibility of an accident to the lighting system; hence inspectors are warned never to go into cold storage rooms without a flashlight or matches.

6f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

7f. PLEASE DEDUCT FROM THE LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Zwick and Schwartz	Middletown, N.Y.	\$8.90
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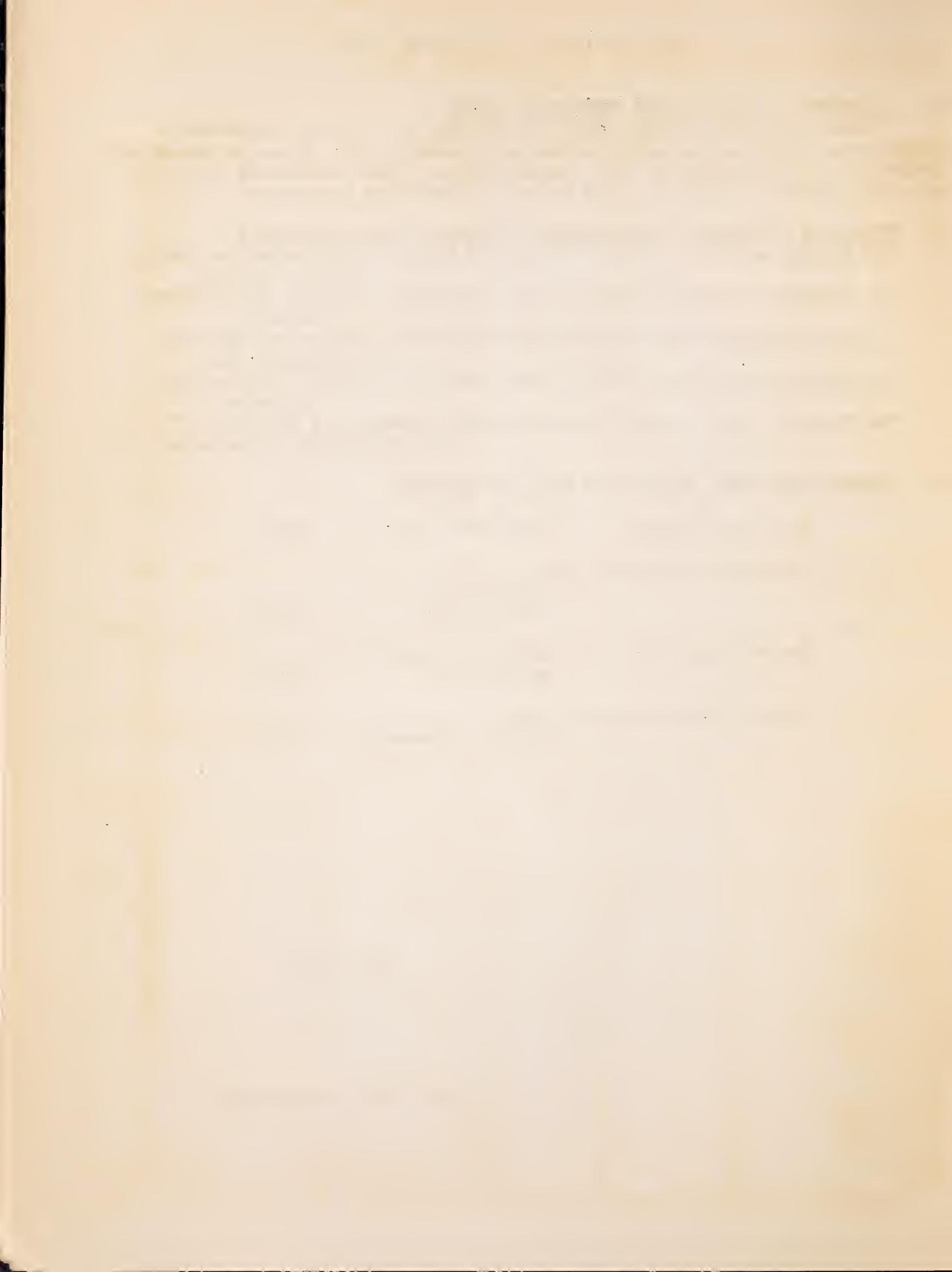
California Valley Wine Co.	126 Rivington St., New York, N.Y.	4.00
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Howard Fenton Co.,	23 North Huron St., Toledo, Ohio	5.50
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Colorado Produce Distributors, Mitchell, Nebraska	8.00
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TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING DECEMBER, 1939.

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	3799	New Jersey	7
Arkansas	1	New York	837
California	2997½	North Carolina	114
Colorado	967	North Dakota	790#
Delaware	2	Ohio	309½
Florida	14761	Oklahoma	5
Idaho	3712	Oregon	1724½
Indiana	10	Pennsylvania	165
Iowa	12	South Carolina	42
Louisiana	456½	Texas	5207
Maine	1822	Utah	71*
Maryland	8	Virginia	123
Michigan	1481¼	Washington	3346-3/4
Minnesota	392	West Virginia	110
Montana	1	Wisconsin	246½
Nebraska	361	Wyoming	114
Nevada	1	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>43,996½</u>

# Includes 2 November inspections.

\* There were 424 trucklots aggregating 5,125,190 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following report not yet received - New Mexico.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above: California 226, Colorado 102, Florida 1049, Idaho 126, Indiana 13, Maine 110, Massachusetts 42, New Hampshire 34, New Jersey 47, Utah 53, Vermont 20½, and West Virginia 60.

In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following markets for the F.S.C.C. in the amount indicated: Hartford, Conn. 18, New Haven, Conn. 40.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING DECEMBER, 1939</u>					
	Total	Same Month		Total	Same Month
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Albany	3	16	Milwaukee	29	23
Atlanta	10	21	Minneapolis	29	23
Baltimore	23	33	Newark	25	18
Boston	227	431	New Haven	49	14
Buffalo	56	35	New Orleans	64	119
Chicago	178	121	New York	462	557
Cincinnati	16	20	Norfolk	41	26
Cleveland	30	31	Oklahoma City	13	9
Columbus	28	17	Omaha	9	10
Denver	13	17	Philadelphia	58	42
Detroit	235	44	Pittsburgh	41	52
East Providence	20	13	Portland	20	19
Fort Worth	7	14	Rochester	7	7
Harrisburg	0	1	St. Louis	26	31
Hartford	37	73	Salt Lake City	0	1
Houston	15	56	San Francisco	20	0
Indianapolis	9	17	Seattle	6	4
Jacksonville	25	14	Tampa	0	3
Kansas City	36	55	Washington, D.C.	10	7
Los Angeles	4	34	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1891</u>	<u>2053</u>
Memphis	8	10	Total fees assessed for		Total last year
Miami	2	15	December, 1939-\$7,662.23		\$9,715.99

(1467 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn. New York City)

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES

December, 1939

Cities	Navy	Veterans' Hospitals:	Coast Guard & Maritime Commission:Center	Public Health & Medical:Federal Agencies: Institutions:State	Other County & City Stearnship
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-
Chicago	-	2,710	-	-	-
Denver	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	470,850	33,250	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	278,881	53,447	-	-
Memphis	-	19,699	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	103,886	-	-	-
Newark	6,058	65,480	-	-	-
New York	206,037	117,006	23,763	54,487	210,255
Norfolk	589,025	-	-	10,159	-
Philadelphia	267,207	64,195	10,859	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	25,662	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	26,289	-	-	-
San Diego	1,262,212	-	267,358	8,198	-
San Francisco	131,510	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	1,495,412	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	171,732	-	17,041	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	9,425
TOTAL	4,700,043	737,058	372,468	72,844	210,256
GRAND TOTAL	8,599,713 <sup>3</sup> <sub>4</sub>				60,637 1,856,959 <sup>5</sup> <sub>4</sub> 539,448

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. STATE INCOME TAX

There was recently mailed to each office Form 1099 (in sets of 4) on which were to be indicated the home address and marital status of each employee, this information to be supplied the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue for its use in connection with the provisions of the Income Tax Laws.

Attention is called to the fact that a good many of the States now have income tax laws and, in order that employees may not be penalized for failure to render income tax returns where due, it is suggested that employees familiarize themselves with the income tax laws applicable to the State in which they reside, bearing in mind that that is the State indicated on the above mentioned Form 1099.

The Federal Government is sending to each State having an income tax law, a copy of the Form 1099 indicating the amount of income paid the individual employee if it amounts to \$1000 or more per annum. These forms are to be sent by the Federal Government to the States in accordance with the residence address of the employee as indicated thereon.

Each employee will also receive a copy of the Form 1099 which will indicate the amount of income that has been paid and is being reported to the State, as well as to the Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue.

2a. POLITICAL ACTIVITY

Personnel Circular No. 84 entitled Political Activity, accompanies this D.L. for each employee. The officer in charge of each office is charged with the responsibility of seeing that each employee receives a copy.

3a. ENCLOSURES

For each office, copy of a Special Report to the Agricultural Advisory Council on the effects of war-time trade controls on American farm exports, and a copy of a press release based on the report; also a copy of the address delivered by Mr. Meal on February 9 at the Annual Meeting of the Association of Southern Agricultural Workers at Birmingham, entitled "The Agricultural Marketing Service and Southern Agriculture".

4a. DELIVERY\_OF JANUARY 26 DIVISION LETTER INTERRUPTED

During the present week messages from numerous offices revealed the fact that the January 26 issue of the Division Letter failed to arrive. Subsequently, some of these offices advised that it eventually arrived. The Washington office has been unable to learn what caused the delay.

In some cities the inspection office received the D.L. while the market news office did not and, in other cities, the opposite is true. The Washington office supply is now limited to less than one-half dozen copies. It is hoped that each office eventually received the January 26 issue. If not, it is hoped that the inspection offices will be privileged to refer to the market news office copies and vice versa. It will be appreciated if any office having copies that are not actually needed will return them to Washington, (care E. Mills) so that they may be redistributed in response to requests from those who have not received a copy or do not have access to a copy.

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-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-1b. ADDITIONS AND CHANGES ON THE B, D, PA-PE AND WA-WI PAGES OF THE CODE  
(Effective February 17)

On the B (WEATHER) page of the code add

BIL smoky

On the WA-WI (MISCELLANEOUS) page of the code add

WIS 8 dozen

This is primarily for the reporting of shallots

As some offices may not have received the last Division Letter, the following is repeated from that issue, with a change in the symbol then given for "unwashed" on the potato page. Therefore re-check these meanings, even if you received the last D.L.

On the POTATO (PA-PE) page of the code cancel meanings for

PED 165 pound sacks  
IV farm pack and  
IW warehouse pack and add

PEC brushed  
PED unwashed  
PEP washed  
IC brushed  
IV washed  
IW unwashed

It will then be possible to make several combinations between these terms and containers, varieties and grades that may save occasional words in the potato wires. These terms were added as the result of a suggestion from Mr. Risser.

Also on the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code, add

DIC Eagle Pass and Nearby South Texas Points  
DIY Platte Valley Points  
DOC And Green Bay Section

Also to the meaning of DOM add the word "Points", so the phrase will now read

DOM West Michigan Points

**2b. INCLUDE IN DAILY REPORTS STATEMENT OF QUALITY OR PRODUCE QUOTED**

(The following comment is repeated from the January 26 Division Letter as that issue may not have reached all offices)

While it is still the general understanding that unless otherwise stated prices in our market news reports represent stock of good or generally good quality and condition, a number of the offices are not including in the heading of their bulletins, before any prices, an explanatory statement to this effect. The phrase which in HB 232 we requested be used, reads:

NOTE: UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED, ALL QUOTATIONS ARE ON STOCK OF GOOD MERCHANTABLE QUALITY AND CONDITION

If it is desired to save space the first word "note" may be omitted.

**3b. MAIL REPORTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR FEBRUARY**

Reports from many market stations giving the mail counted and weighed for January indicate that the total for that month is not representative because circularization during the month resulted in a lower figure than normal. In order that the total for the January-March period may not be too far below the actual figure each market station office is asked to submit a form AD-150 covering the mail counted and weighed during the month of February. If, because of substantial increases for the mailing list toward the latter part of February it is believed that the March mailing list will be much larger than that of February, make a notation to that effect when submitting the February report.

**4b. IMPERIAL VALLEY PRODUCTS**

After advancing to a high for the season of \$1.75 per crate about two weeks ago, lettuce prices have gradually drifted back toward lower levels. The prolonged period of cold weather in midwestern and eastern markets apparently resulted in decreased consumption, while unusually warm weather here during the early part of last week resulted in sharply increased loadings. In an effort to keep billings in line with market requirements, some of the shippers have billed out only part of their loadings during the week, with the result that around 100 "nobills" had accumulated for shipment on Sunday.

From one-fourth to one-third of an inch of rain fell over the Imperial Valley on the night of Saturday, February 3, but as the shippers have an agreement to not harvest or pack on Sundays the rain should have little effect on loadings the first of the week as most fields should be fairly well dried out. The rain may have caused some loss to stock which had been held too long in the field, but it was thought that this would be made up by larger sizes in the younger fields.

Because of the unfavorable turn of the market during the last several days and in order to keep from depressing it further, some growers and shippers have held back harvesting as much as possible. Some complaints are being made that some of the lettuce has a bitter taste as a result of too much age, and the presence of cracked ribs is preventing many cars from grading U.S. No. 1. Worm injury is prevalent, especially around Brawley, and some tipburn is showing up in some fields, although neither of these defects is attributable to allowing the crop to be left in the fields too long.

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IMPERIAL VALLEY PRODUCTS (cont'd)

Around 4,600 cars have now been shipped by rail and approximately 750 by truck, and the general opinion is that from 60 to 65 percent of the crop has been harvested. In the north end of the Valley around Brawley the peak is definitely past, but in the south end around El Centro loadings during the past week were the heaviest of the season and are expected to continue heavy most or all of the coming week. Fairly heavy loadings are also expected for the week beginning February 12, after which a gradual tapering off is anticipated. Although there is some lettuce for March shipment, most shippers are of the opinion that movement should be down to 50 cars daily, or less, by the last of this month.

A slight increase in lettuce shipments from the Yuma district of Arizona is expected during the coming week, as harvest of the spring crop starts in a small way. Only a few fields are said to be ready for harvesting during the next few days, but a gradual increase should take place during the week beginning February 12, and by the following week there should be a moderate to liberal movement. The spring crop in the Phoenix district is said to have made good progress during the past two weeks. Two or three shippers expect to have lettuce by February 15 and several others think they will start about February 20.

After a brief flurry of excitement due to the cold weather in Texas, the carrot market has been very much in the "doldrums." Prices advanced to a general level of \$1.35 per crate, but when it became evident that the Texas carrot crop had not been seriously damaged, they dropped to their previous level of mostly \$1.10-1.25. Shipments of 600 cars to date are far ahead of the 180 through the same date last season. Some of the carrots harvested during the last two weeks would have been better if they had been allowed to remain in the ground a little longer, but with the heavy acreage planted in the Imperial Valley this season, most shippers wished to take advantage of the better demand and higher prices which prevailed for a time.

Cabbage prices have shown a real improvement since the Texas and Florida freezes. Prices during the last week have ranged mostly \$1.10-1.15 per lettuce crate, whereas two weeks earlier there were no orders at the 65¢ price a few shippers were asking. Demand the last two or three days has been fairly good and several shippers were anticipating higher prices for the coming week. More cabbage will be ready for harvest during the coming week and shipments should be somewhat heavier. Most of the crop is of only ordinary quality, due mostly to worm damage, and in some cases, to lack of solidity.

Cantaloups continue to make good progress and the 1940 season may be one of the earliest on record. Melons have formed on many of the vines and in a few cases have reached egg size. First carlot shipments may occur in early April unless the crop is set back by unfavorable weather. There has been a decrease of around 3,000 acres of covered cantaloups compared with last season, but both honeyballs and honeydews show a slight increase. (A.M. McDowell, 2/4/40)

5b. SUMMARY VEGETABLE MOVEMENT FROM THE SANTA MARIA-GUADALUPE DISTRICT

Demand for Broccoli has been good throughout the week (February 3) but a slightly weaker tendency was noted the latter part of the week. There has been a wide range in prices according to percentage of heads to shoots, and also according to quality. Heads have generally been rather scarce. Shoots generally sold between \$1.35 and 1.50 with an occasional lot higher. Heads sold between \$1.65 and \$2.00, mostly \$1.75-1.85.

There has been very little demand for Carrots and practically the entire movement from this district has been from the Lompoc area. An occasional sale was reported at \$1.00-1.10.

Cauliflower shipments have increased sharply during the week. Demand has been fairly good to good throughout the week, but at rather low prices. The market held steady at 50¢ on Monday and Tuesday, January 29 and 30. Prices dropped to 45¢ Wednesday and remained at that figure through the balance of the week.

Demand for Golden Heart celery was good during the first part of the week, due to the freeze damage in Florida, and sold at \$1.75-2.00, and as high as \$2.25 on the wire, until the last car of this type was shipped on Thursday, February 1. Demand for Pascal Celery likewise improved and cash sales were being made at \$1.35-1.50 during the early part of the week, but with a slightly weaker tendency dropped to \$1.25-1.40 later in the week. The remaining acreage is all of the Pascal variety. Quality is only fair.

There has been a fair to good demand for Endive throughout the week with the market holding steady at \$1.40-1.50. (Thos. C. Sublett, Jr.- 2/3/40)

B.C. Boree

OFFICE NOTES:

W.H. Steinbauer is making investigations under the P.A.C.A. at Cleveland, Cincinnati, Detroit and Pittsburgh.

K.W. Schaible advises the office address at Lansing, Michigan is now 727 State Building. Mail: P.O. Box 243. Mr. Schaible's residence address is 717 N.Pine St., Lansing, Michigan. Residence 'phone: 5-6396.

R.R. Pailthorp is spending the current week in Florida for the purpose of conferring with inspectors regarding freezing damage in connection with U.S. Standards for citrus.

George W. Winfrey will leave Washington about February 18, for a period of about two weeks during which he will make investigations under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act in Rochester, Buffalo and Utica, N.Y. and Pittsburgh, Pa.

R.H. Shoemaker will make investigations under the PACA at Philadelphia, Pa., during the period February 23-27 and W.G. Lensen will be similarly engaged during the period 2/18-28 at Philadelphia and Camden, N.J.

A.H. Polster, of the Columbus, Ohio, inspection office and Max Austin, of the New York City inspection office, will interchange positions when Mr. Polster returns from leave about March 1.

Effective Feb. 16, J.Austin Hunter, of San Francisco, Calif., will be reinstated as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, Market News Service. Mr. Hunter's first assignment will be at Sanford, Florida, where he will take charge of the temporary market station, relieving T.R. Butts who will, after a period of leave, return to his permanent office at Cleveland. Mr. Hunter formerly served with the Division during the period January 1, 1925-March 31, 1928.

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TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Mail In

First Probably

Stations List Charge Products Bulletin Will Close

\*Brawley, Calif. 933 A.M.McDowell Lettuce Jan. 8 Feb. 21  
Planters Hotel

\*Grand Rapids, Mich. 895 R.E.Keller Apples Nov. 3 Jan. 13  
412 P.O. Building Onions Nov. 3 March 30  
Potatoes Nov. 3 April 13

Idaho Falls, Idaho 845 R.G.Risser Potatoes Sept. 25 April 13  
206 Federal Bldg.

\*Lakeland, Florida 920 H.F.Willson Citrus Oct. 3 June 15  
P.O. Box 191

\*Plant City, Fla. 850 R.M. Peterson Strawberries Jan. 8 March 30  
P.O. Box 449

\*Pompano, Fla. 937 J.B. Owens Beans Dec. 26 April 6  
State Farmers' Market Peppers Jan. 4 April 6  
Peas Jan. 4 March 9  
Tomatoes Feb. 1 April 6  
Potatoes Feb. 1 April 6

\*Presque Isle, Maine 842 S.W.Russell Potatoes Sept. 17 May 20  
Federal Bldg.,

\*Rochester, N.Y. 837 J.C.Keller Apples Sept. 5 May 20  
300 Terminal Bldg. Cabbage Sept. 5 Feb. 24  
Carrots Sept. 7 May 20  
Celery Sept. 5 Dec. 26  
Grapes Sept. 25 Oct. 21  
Onions Sept. 5 April 22  
Pears Sept. 5 Nov. 4  
Peaches Sept. 7 Sept. 28  
Potatoes Oct. 11 May 6

\*Sanford, Fla. 910 T.R. Butts# Celery Jan. 8 June 8  
Farmers' State Market

\*Waupaca, Wisconsin 894 P.A.Nicholson Potatoes Sept. 1 March 31  
Court House

\*Weslaco, Texas 931 R.E. Winfrey Citrus Oct. 16 March 31  
Post Office Bldg. Vegetables Nov. 6 May 29

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED

\*Phoenix, Ariz. 815 A.M. McDowell Lettuce Feb. 26 April 16  
602 Security Bldg.

#J.Austin Hunter will report at Sanford on or about February 16 to relieve Mr.Butts.

\*State cooperating

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

**1f. TOLERANCE FOR SPROUTS IN INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES OF THE COMBINATION GRADES**

Paragraph 81 of the Receiving Market Handbook on potatoes ends with the statement: "However, no packages can be averaged which have more than 25% sprouts over 3/4 inch long." It was based on paragraph 1c of Division Letter dated March 13, 1936. The potatoe grades, however, when revised effective September 15, 1936, provided a specific tolerance of 10% for potatoes with sprouts more than 3/4 of an inch long. If the 20% tolerance for the combination grade is not used up for other defects the remainder may also be used for sprouts in excess of 3/4 of an inch long. Theoretically the whole 20% might possibly be used for additional sprouts making a total of 30% sprouts allowed in this grade. Individual packages may contain 1 1/2 times the prescribed tolerance for sprouts provided the average is within the tolerance. It is therefore theoretically possible for individual containers to show 45% of potatoes with sprouts more than 3/4 inch long provided there are no other defects.

When the potato section of the Handbook was revised this point was overlooked and the old limit of 25% in individual packages was written in paragraph 81 referred to above. The last sentence of this paragraph should be stricken out.

**2f. SEND SHIPPING POINT SUPERVISORS RESULTS OF ALL APPEAL INSPECTIONS**

In the past it has been the custom to advise the shipping point supervisor the results of an appeal inspection only when the shipping point certificate is reversed. In the future it is directed that the shipping point supervisor be advised of the result of each appeal inspection regardless of whether the shipping point certificate is sustained or reversed. Reports should be sent to the shipping point supervisor by prepaid wire when the shipping point certificate is reversed. When it is sustained the report should be sent by air mail. If any State desires information regarding sustained cars to be sent by collect wire it should advise the Washington office and proper instructions will be issued through the Division Letter.

All shipping point supervisors appreciate information regarding any unusual conditions which may be found in cars from their States, especially in such cases as too tight or too loose packs, improper loading with consequent breakage, unusual diseases, abnormal amounts of decay, etc. Each receiving market office is requested to furnish information of this kind to shipping point supervisors to the extent of their available time.

**3f. ENCLOSURES**

U.S. Standards for Table Maple Sirup (Effective February 15, 1940) and U.S. Standards for Maple Sirup for Reprocessing (Effective February 15, 1940) accompanies this D.L. for each inspector.

4f. REVISED INSTRUCTIONS COVERING SANITARY MEMORANDUM FOR EGYPT

The circular "Instructions Covering the Issuance of Export Form Certificates and Various Sanitary Memoranda," page 10, heading "Egypt" should be revised so as to show that the importation into Egypt of apples and pears infested or infected with any of the following pests is prohibited: The peach twig borer (Anarsia lineatella Zell.), the oriental fruit moth, apple maggot, the codling moth, all species of scale insects, all species of mealybugs, pear scab (Venturia pyrina Aderh.), bitter rot, and blotch.

5f. ADDITIONAL FLORIDA CITRUS BRAND REGISTRATION TO 1/29/40. (1939-40 SEASON)

BLUE GATOR	Comb.	Noggle and Bolick	Plant City
DEL ORO	Comb. Russet	Dr. P. Phillips Co.	Orlando
FFF	2	John R. Folger	Winter Haven
FAIRVIEW GROVES	2	Fairview Groves	Orlando
FLORIDA JUICE	2	C. W. Ritter	Sharpes
FUL-O-HEALTH	Comb.	L. M. Folsom	Cocoa
FUL-O-JUICE	1	L. M. Folsom	Cocoa
GOOD-WINS	1	Goodwin Packing Co.	Palmetto
GREEN DUCK	Comb.	W.B. Parker	Pine Castle
INDIAN ARROW	1	The DeLay Co.	Orlando
INDIAN SUN	Comb.	The DeLay Co.	Orlando
MITY-FINE	2	L. M. Folsom	Cocoa
ORANGEWOOD	2	Noggle and Bolick	Plant City
PACIFIER	1	W. B. Parker	Pine Castle
PRIDE OF FLORIDA	2	Goodwin Packing Co.	Palmetto
PEKIN	2	Mutual Packing Co.	Orlando
R & H	1	C. W. Ritter	Sharpes
TOP O' MORNING'	2	W. B. Parker	Pine Castle
WAHOO	Comb.	Mutual Packing Co.	Orlando

6f. CAULIFLOWER VARIETIES IN CALIFORNIA

The following information, which is quoted from a letter written by W. F. Allewelt, to a Chicago dealer, will be of interest to all inspectors:

"Previous to 1930 it would have been rather easy to answer your inquiry because up to that time the early cauliflower in the Los Angeles district was the Snowball variety followed later by the Pearl type, while the San Francisco bay area used only the Broccoli types.

"However, since that time, new growing districts have been started and varieties of cauliflower have been developed that would not only be adapted to the particular district but would also mature at a certain time during the season. This applies particularly to the Santa Maria and San Jose-Hayward sections.

"In the Los Angeles district shipments of cauliflower are confined largely to the months of November and December. The cauliflower usually is known as Snowball but may be of several different varieties. During the past couple of seasons I understand two varieties have been used to a large extent which are known as Helios and Oregon B. These varieties resemble Snowball but seem to have a deeper curd, the curd is fairly smooth and white to light cream color. I believe that a few of the growers still produce their own seed from strains used for a number of years but this practice is becoming less common. These varieties generally have medium to small leaves with rather narrow midribs. I believe the size of the leaves depends to a large extent upon the amount of fertilizer and the type of soil where grown.

"In the coast districts which include Santa Maria, Guadalupe, Salinas, San Jose and Hayward, instead of referring to Pearl or Broccoli varieties, the variety is generally referred to as November, December, January, February, Early March, Late March or April, to indicate the period of harvest under proper weather conditions.

"These varieties have been developed to produce a continuous supply of cauliflower. Transplanting from seed bed to fields extends from August through October. Under proper growing and moisture conditions the harvesting of this cauliflower will begin in late November and continue until May depending on the variety and time of planting.

"Seed companies have crossed types of broccoli and cauliflower and by the selection of seed from the crosses have been able to develop the present varieties. Sometimes on account of weather conditions November cauliflower will not be harvested until January. On the other hand early fall rains and favorable growing weather may bring on January cauliflower in December.

"It is very difficult to distinguish the different varieties of cauliflower used at the present time, and we make no effort to report varieties on our certificates. In general it may be said that the early varieties have a smoother curd than the late cauliflower but I believe it would take an expert seedsman who would know the parentage of each variety to identify cauliflower by variety name".

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7f. SHOWING COUNTRY OF ORIGIN ON LABEL

In reply to an inquiry as to whether the statement "Produce of U.S.A." was required when the label contained the initials "U.S.A." such as "John Jones Company, Los Angeles, U.S.A.", Col. R. L. Wheeler of the Department of Agriculture of Canada advised that if the initials "U.S.A." were included in the address it was not necessary to add the statement "Produce of U.S.A."

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9f. USE OF F.P.I.-153

The new truck certificate FPI-153 was intended as a time saver for the inspector when certifying truck lots which contain several products. It was not intended to be used for all truck lot certifications. The old form which permits more detailed quality descriptions should be used to cover truck lots which contain not more than three products.

10f. PLEASE ADD TO THE LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

H. H. Higgins & Sons, Mapleton, Maine	\$17.91
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PLEASE DEDUCT FROM THE LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Independent Produce Co. Mobile, Alabama	\$5.00
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Ohio Dept. of Welfare Columbus, Ohio	\$30.00
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11f. SEND IN YELLOW FORM F.P.I. 2c WHEN BILLS ARE ISSUED

It is requested that the yellow form F.P.I. 2c be mailed to the Washington office at the same time bills are issued covering the inspection of lots on which certificates are not issued, such as Steamship Lines, State institutions, or other private agencies. This will give the Washington office a record of service to check against when the remittances are received.

This will not affect the present procedure of sending in this yellow form when bills are issued to cover fees for copies of certificates.

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Not for publication

1a. UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION COMMISSION MEDICAL FACILITIES

There are available new "Regulations" recently issued by the U.S. Employees Compensation Commission and "Medical Facilities." We are advised, under date of February 12, that a copy of each of these publications has been sent to each branch office of the Agricultural Marketing Service. It is important that these publications be in each office and that each employee become familiar with the contents. Please advise the Washington office if copies are not received.

2a. JANUARY 26 ISSUE OF THE DIVISION LETTER

As a result of the splendid response to item 4a appearing in the Division Letter dated February 9 it is believed the Washington office now has a sufficient number of copies of the January 26 issue to supply anyone who may still be in need of that issue. Requests should be addressed to E. Mills.

3a. ADVISE WASHINGTON OF CHANGES FOR NEW ADDRESS LISTS

It is desired, within the next few weeks, to revise the address lists for the (1) Federal-State inspection, (2) receiving market inspection and (3) market news offices. It will be appreciated, if all whose names should appear on any of these lists will immediately advise the Washington office of any corrections or additions which should be made. This applies to home addresses and telephone numbers as well as to official addresses and telephone numbers. This information should be marked for the attention of E. Mills.

4a. NARRATIVE REPORT OF ACCIDENT

In addition to Standard Forms No. 26 and 27, and other papers required in connection with automobile accidents involving Government-owned cars, it now becomes necessary to submit, in triplicate, Form A.D. 136, "Narrative Report of Accident" even though no personal injury is involved. A reportable accident is defined as "any accident in which a vehicle is involved where such accident results in death, personal injury, or property damage, regardless of who was hurt, what property was damaged, or who was responsible?" The narrative report should give all circumstances of the accident and should include data relating to the driver, vehicle, highway, and miscellaneous items such as weather, light conditions, speed, and other contributing factors.

We are also instructed (under date of February 14) to advise employees operating Government-owned cars that "where accidents are due to their carelessness, they will be held responsible for the property damage both to the Government cars and to the cars of private parties involved."

Division Letter, February 23, 1940

**-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-****1b. CHANGES ON THE "H" PAGE, and A REVISED SUPPLEMENT TO THE "H" PAGE OF THE CODE:**

(Effective March 2)

The suggested revisions of the definitions of "Market" and "Demand" phrases, copies of which were sent to market stations and to field men last March, have been further reviewed in the light of comments received from many of the men, and the final revisions are being sent in mimeographed form with this Division Letter to all Market News representatives. Upon receipt of this immediately destroy your old copies of the "Supplement to the H page" of the code. It is suggested that this new supplement be inserted as a part of the code books in all offices so that it can be constantly available for reference. Additional copies can be supplied if needed.

It will be seen that these revised definitions represent a change in our official understanding of the meaning of a number of both market and demand terms. They should be followed in the use of all market terms, and in demand terms when they are used, both for wire use and for your local reports.

No definitions appear in the revised statement for the phrases "demand very light", "demand very slow", "demand active", "good inquiry", "weaker tendency", "market active" and "better feeling prevailing" because it seemed that these terms would be needed very rarely. Consequently, cross out on the H page of your code book the meanings for the following: HAF, HAG, HAX, HAZ, HUJUJ, HULUL, HUYUY. If you really feel that the use of one of these terms is occasionally necessary, use English.

A new term "market barely steady", has been included in the definitions.

To provide for this on the H page                  add

HUL market barely steady    UL

**2b. ANNUAL LEAVE**

Each field and market station man is requested to furnish, at his earliest convenience, his preference for annual leave for the coming spring, summer and fall. Please give first, second, and third preferences as usual. Since it is always difficult to schedule leave periods, which of course must be worked out without any disruption to the field station program, it is essential that this advice be received sufficiently in advance of the annual leave season to enable us to work out as satisfactory a schedule as possible. Please furnish your preferences by April 15. We will assume that anyone not replying by April 15 does not plan to take any extended leave this season.

3b. "SPOT NEWS"

The A.M.S. NEWS of February 1 carried an item on Page 4 entitled "SPOT NEWS WELL RECEIVED DURING COLD SPELL!" To date we have received very few comments about this special information, how it was received by the trade, their comments, and what useful purpose was accomplished. We are assuming that it met a definite need, however this assumption has been based largely upon the fact that few requests for special information on freeze damage were received here which led us to believe that the spot news we were furnishing "filled the bill."

It will be appreciated if the various field and market station men receiving and publishing the information on freeze damage sent them will advise us as to the reactions, either favorable or unfavorable, they received. Please let us have this advice at your very early convenience.

4b. "IDAHO POTATOES"

F.O.B. trading in Idaho potatoes has been rather inactive and limited chiefly to preferred packs and certain specifications. Growers show an inclination to hold remaining supplies for better prices while the trade in receiving markets manifests a lack of interest when asked higher prices in line with producers' ideas. Shippers attribute the difficult trading conditions to competitive prices from other producing sections and to a seasonal dullness which frequently develops in February. Idaho shipments for the season to date represent the heaviest output for the fall and winter period on record for the State. Distribution has been generally good.

Sacks are mostly burlap for 100-lb. packs and mostly cottons and open mesh for smaller bags but cotton sacks are used on 100-lb. packs more frequently than ever before, and paper sacks are more often used on smaller packs than ever before. There is considerable demand for washed stock and there is more washing equipment on hand than ever. The trade, however, is not always willing to pay the premium which Idaho dealers ask for washed stock. Unwashed stock is generally graded and sacked in the farm cellars and is then ready for loading. Stock to be marketed as "washed" is usually hauled to warehouses after the cellar grading is done. It is then washed, regraded, sacked and loaded. This involves an extra handling and entails an additional loss of stock when graded after washing. Growers frequently object to selling supplies for washing unless the dealer takes the extra shrink or pays them a higher price "over the washer."

For the first time in the history of the Idaho potato deal, potatoes are being mechanically brushed. This is going on in a small way but brushed Idaho Russets are being sold regularly on the Chicago market. Brushers are said to be better suited than washers to operation in the ordinary farm potato cellar. Under the circumstances, the cost of brushing is decidedly lower than the cost of washing. (Ralph G. Risser, 2/17/40)

B.C. Boree

Division Letter, February 23, 1940

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Mail In

First

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Stations List Charge Products Bulletin Will Close

*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Building	895	R.E.Keller	Apples Onions Potatoes	Nov. 3 Nov. 3 Nov. 3	Jan. 13 March 30 April 13
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 25	April 13
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 3	June 15
*Plant City, Fla. P.O. Box 449	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries	Jan. 8	March 30
*Phoenix, Ariz. 602 Security Bldg.	815	A.M. McDowell	Lettuce	Feb. 26	April 16
*Pompano, Fla. State Farmers' Market	937	J.B.Owens	Beans Peppers Peas Tomatoes Potatoes	Dec. 26 Jan. 4 Jan. 4 Feb. 1 Feb. 1	April 6 April 6 March 9 April 6 April 6
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 20
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Sept. 5 Sept. 25 Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Dec. 26 Oct. 21 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6
*Sanford, Fla. Farmers' State Market	910	J.Austin Hunter	Celery	Jan. 8	June 8
*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	894	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 31
*Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 16 Nov. 6	March 31 May 29
THE FOLLOWING STATION CLOSED ON THE DATE INDICATED					
*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel	933	A.M.McDowell	Lettuce	Jan. 8	Feb. 21
*State cooperating			T.R. Butts - on leave		

**-INSPECTION SERVICE-****1f. CHARGES FOR INSPECTION OF MORE THAN A CARLOAD OF PEANUTS**

Two hundred and fifty (250) sacks is the maximum number to be considered as making up a single carload of peanuts for the purpose of assessing fees. For loads which contain not more than 125 additional sacks, 1 1/2 times the usual fee or \$7.50 should be charged. More than this amount but not to exceed 500 sacks should carry the charge of \$10.

The sample taken from a lot of more than carlot size should be proportionately larger, that is, the sample from a lot which contained 1 1/2 carloads should be 4500 grams.

**2f. SHOW FEE ON EACH CERTIFICATE ISSUED**

When an applicant requests two or more certificates on the products examined by an inspector on a single trip, as is frequently done in the case of shipments to Canada where the applicant is selling to two or more parties, the fee should be shown on each certificate issued. While it may not be practicable to determine to the last minute the time required to inspect the products covered by each certificate issued when inspections are made on the hourly basis the inspector should divide his time as accurately as possible in computing the fees for the products covered by each certificate.

**3f. SHOWING PERCENTAGES OF NOTICEABLY AND BADLY DISCOLORED NUTS ON PEANUT CERTIFICATES**

Inspectors in different offices have followed different policies in showing the percentages of noticeably and badly discolored peanuts on their certificates. Some have included the badly discolored in the percentages of noticeably discolored with a parenthetical explanation, while others have listed the two separately. In the interest of uniformity it is believed best to show the total percentage of discolored under "Noticeably discolored nuts"; and show the percentage of "badly discolored", under which a parenthetical statement "Included in noticeably discolored" should be made. Let all offices follow this policy in the future. Example:

	<u>Grams</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Noticeably discolored - - -	26.2	.87
Badly discolored - - - -	4.5	.15
(Included in "Noticeably discolored")		

**4f. INSPECTION PORTION OF D.L. DATED FEBRUARY 9 ON SEPARATE PAGES**

Due to the fact that pages 25, 26, 27 and 28 (Inspection portion) of the D.L. dated February 9 were run on both sides of the paper, there are enclosed with this issue, for each inspector, duplicate copies of these four pages, run separately. Those inspectors desiring to do so, may clip the items for insertion in their handbooks.

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5f. INCLUDE PRODUCE AGENCY INSPECTIONS ON F.P.I. 11a

The quantity of produce on which dumping certificates are issued under the provisions of the Produce Agency Act should be included under the proper commodity heading on F.P.I. 11a, Commodity Inspections. Most inspections of this kind are L.C.L. quantities and so the total number of containers should be shown in the L.C.L. column.

6f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W.Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

7f. PLEASE ADD TO THE LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

Watkins Produce Co.,	Thomasville, Ga.	\$ 2.50
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PLEASE DEDUCT FROM THE LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

H.H. Higgins & Sons,	Mapleton, Maine	\$17.91
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F.G. Robb

OFFICE NOTES:

Louis V. Bryant, of the Chicago inspection office, is in critical condition as the result of an emergency operation performed Sunday night, February 18.

In the interest of the Standard Container work T.C.J. Baker is visiting points in Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Florida.

Wm. G. Meal is conferring with officials of the Service at New York City and Philadelphia during the current week. On February 27 Mr. Meal will address a meeting of the Economic Institute at Freehold, N.J.

W.J. Bertush, of the Chicago inspection office, has been in Kansas City office since February 12 relieving F.N. Lyle who is absent due to illness.

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TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JANUARY, 1940  
 (l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	1495	Nebraska	839
California	5245	New Hampshire	25 $\frac{1}{2}$
Colorado	1722 $\frac{1}{2}$	Nevada	4
Delaware	45	New York	1103-3/4
Florida	13453	North Dakota	1520
Idaho	4353	Ohio	206 $\frac{1}{2}$
Indiana	23	Oregon	2860 $\frac{1}{2}$
Iowa	13	South Carolina	16
Louisiana	302	Texas	5539
Maine	3202 $\frac{1}{2}$	Utah	102*
Michigan	2094	West Virginia	110
Minnesota	904	Wisconsin	555 $\frac{1}{2}$
Montana	5	Wyoming	233
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>45,771-3/4</u>

\* There were 467 trucklots aggregating 6,306,528 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received - Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Virginia and Washington.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above: California 291, Colorado 15, Florida 619, Indiana 3, Maine 35, Massachusetts 234, New Hampshire 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Vermont 35, and West Virginia 54.

In addition to the above, inspections were made in the following markets for the F.S.C.C. in the amount indicated: Hartford, Conn. 11, and New Haven, Conn. 26.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JANUARY, 1940</u>					
	Total	Same Month		Total	Same Month
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Albany	3	4	Milwaukee	56	29
Atlanta	22	30	Minneapolis	27	15
Baltimore	35	32	New Haven	48	16
Boston	422	466	Newark	26	20
Buffalo	62	35	New Orleans	75	92
Charleston	8	-	New York	669	500
Chicago	172	107	Norfolk	15	10
Cincinnati	23	18	Oklahoma City	14*	12
Cleveland	29	39	Omaha	9	3
Columbus	18	24	Philadelphia	69	61
Denver	31	17	Pittsburgh	39	47
Detroit	227	55	Portland	31	35
East Providence	35	17	Rochester	11#	14
Fort Worth	6	13	St. Louis	26	35
Harrisburg	4	2	Salt Lake City	1	2
Hartford	86	107	San Francisco	0	2
Houston	58	59	Seattle	9	17
Indianapolis	15	13	Tampa	19	0
Jackson	1	-	Washington, D.C.	10	8
Jacksonville	29	8	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2520</u>	<u>2017</u>
Kansas City	46	46	Total fees assessed for	Total last year	
Los Angeles	14	12	January, 1940-\$9,143.08	\$9,355.50	
Memphis	9	10	* Compiled from certificates in file.		
Miami	11	5	# Compiled from certificates in file.		

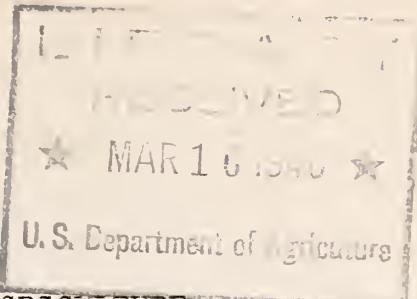
(1483 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn. New York City.)

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
 (All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

January, 1940.

Cities	Navy	Coast Guard & Maritime	Public Health	State	County	City	Steermship	Lines
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicago	-	5,350	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	558,830	41,610	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	316,945	38,237	-	-	-	-	-
Memphis	-	18,308	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	144,457	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newark	11,307	80,243	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	274,007	95,877	25,021	61,680	253,402	14,215	327,535	637,124
Norfolk	874,210	-	-	12,516	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	234,603	76,037	10,623	-	-	-	453,915	-
Pittsburgh	-	22,363	-	-	-	-	59,362	-
St. Louis	-	23,244	-	-	-	-	355,438	-
San Diego	1,419,093	-	252,630	8,980	-	2,616	-	-
San Francisco	1,300,898	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	1,228,272	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	277,190	-	15,770	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	14,000	-	-	-
TOTAL	6,763,410	824,734	340,286	83,176	233,402	70,077	1,914,159	649,532
GRAND TOTAL	10,883,776							

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

Not for publication

1a. ENCLOSURE PERTAINING TO PREPARATION OF FORM 1012-E USED IN REPORTING MILEAGE

A Memorandum dated February 29, 1940, signed by E. Mills, accompanies this D.L. for each office. It is to be noted that, in preparing Form 1012e, Revised, the exact time of departure and arrival at points of duty should be shown.

2a. GRACE PERIOD ON PATENTS REDUCED

Any employee interested in filing an application for a patent should read an item appearing in The A.M.S. News, February 15, 1940, page 10, under the above heading.

3a. TECHNICAL BULLETIN NO. 712 "MARKETING COMMERCIAL LETTUCE"

A copy of Technical Bulletin No. 712, "Marketing Commercial Lettuce" is being mailed under separate cover to each inspector and market news man.

4a. HELP LOCATE M. W. McLAREN

Anyone having information as to the whereabouts of M. W. McLaren, formerly in business in California and thought to have been engaged in business more recently in Florida and Texas, is requested to advise Mr. H. A. Spilman.

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## -MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS ON THE MA, NU, AND PA-PE PAGES OF THE CODE  
(Effective March 16)

On the MA (CELERY) page of the code, cancel the present meaning for

MAF pony crates ( $13\frac{1}{2} \times 21 \times 12$ ) and substitute

MAF cub crates

On the NU (SWEETPOTATO) page of the code add

NUN bulk per bushel

On the PA-PE (POTATO) page of the code cancel the present meaning for

PEN Combination grade and substitute

PEN State trade mark grade

This term is used frequently for New York State potatoes. If necessary to use the term "combination grade", English may be employed.

2b. ATTENTION OFFICES PUBLISHING CINCINNATI REPORTS

In the Division Letter of April 21, 1939, item 1b refers to the addition to the code of "GODOD prices and conditions cover period 10 a.m. yesterday to 10 a.m. today." This term was inserted to take care of the situation at Cincinnati, as Cincinnati market conditions and prices both represent the period for 24 hours prior to 10 a.m. the current day.

Few field offices include this phrase in connection with their Cincinnati reports, -possibly because although it appears daily in the Cincinnati reports placed on the leased wire it precedes the commodity reports and is not used with each one of them. While it is not necessary to use this term regularly as a part of the Cincinnati report in field station reports it should appear once a week. Offices servicing as relay points should include the term once a week and even if this is not done field stations including Cincinnati in their bulletins should keep it in mind.

3b. MAIL REPORTS SHOULD BE MADE FOR MARCH

Because of the substantial differences between the mailing list figures of most offices for February as compared with those for January as a result of circularization early in the year, each market station is asked to submit a report form AD-150 covering the mail counted and weighed during the month of March. The first part of the month can be estimated if necessary but if the mailing list is increasing such an estimate would be more accurate than for the Washington office to use February figures for the March report of mail counted and weighed.

**4b. MICHIGAN POTATOES AND ONIONS**

POTATOES. Until the past two days the potato market has been very dull and slow for the past two weeks. From previous levels of around \$.90 - 1.05 shippers had dropped their paying prices to around \$.80-.95 according to location in the State and growers sold very slowly at these lower prices. Hence, offerings have been light and supplies have cleaned up. Recent demand, developing the last of this week, has boosted prices from around \$1.15 f.o.b. Cadillac to \$1.20-1.35.

Seed movement is expected to start by mid-March, but to date practically none of this stock has moved. Shippers report rather active sales for future delivery.

Truck movement continues to be about double of rail forwardings, following the season trend.

Heavy north-bound traffic of truck produce from Florida and Texas, picking up Michigan produce for a back haul is reported as one of the principal reasons for this marked increase in truck movement of potatoes.

ONIONS. Trading in onions has been moderate with a slight weakening in prices, especially on weak lots that are beginning to show shrinkage with the coming of warmer spring weather. Growers with better keeping stock are reported as holding firmly, with some lots being placed in cold storage.

Recent count indicates somewhat over 1,000 cars left in Michigan and present rail and truck shipments averaging more than 25 cars daily is regarded as a healthy disappearance. Many growers and shippers feel that good keeping stock will do better in late March and early April. (R.E.Keller, 3/1/40.)

**5b. MIXED CAR CLASSIFICATION**

Effective April 1 our reports of mixed car shipments will be changed so as to include only such cars as contain less than 90% of any one fruit or vegetable. All cars containing 90% or more of any one fruit or vegetable will be reported as a straight car of that commodity. This same procedure will be followed with passings, arrivals, unloads, diversions, and cars on track. Copies of instructions to the various railroad officials have been forwarded to each office.

On or before April 1 each market and field station should carry in a prominent position on their daily mimeographed reports, preferably immediately following the carlot shipments, the following statement: "Effective April 1 mixed cars containing 90% of any one commodity (will be ) reported (are being)

as straight cars of that commodity. After that date only such cars as do not contain 90% of any one commodity are to be reported as mixed."

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6b. SPECIAL LETTERHEAD REPORTS

Several years ago a few of the Market News City Offices supplied certain produce firms with special copies of their daily market reports (mimeographed on special letterhead paper furnished by such produce firms) which these firms mailed under stamp to their customers. We wish to know how much, if any, of this is now being done. It is requested, therefore, that each office advise by return mail, if possible, whether they are now furnishing such special reports and to whom. Any office now doing so should furnish a copy of each such special report with letterhead used, and number of copies furnished each firm.

B.C. Boree

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OFFICE NOTES

F.G. Robb has a new residence address - 6338 thirty-second street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Residence telephone: Woodley 5498.

L.C. Carey has returned to his desk after an extended official trip to the West Coast.

The Washington office regrets to learn that H. M. Riley, Winter Haven, Florida, inspection office has been absent from official duties due to the recent death of his young daughter.

R. L. Spangler will go to Boston, Mass., early next week for about 10 days for the purpose of assisting with the interpretation of grade factors in the U.S. Standards for potatoes in connection with a study of consumer preference for that commodity.

On March 23 B. C. Boree will go to Raleigh, N.C., Charleston, S.C., Jacksonville and Lakeland, Florida, in the interest of the market news work, returning to Washington about April 10.

Robert Bier will go to Clayton, Delaware, on March 12 to confer informally with a group of tomato growers and canners. On March 21 and 22 he will talk to the fruit and vegetable inspectors' training class at State College, Pa.

The Grand Junction, Colorado inspection office, G.N. Lynch in charge, is now located in Room 308 Post Office Building. Mail address: P.O. Box 665. Telephone No. 257 - for both office and residence.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Mail In

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Stations List Charge Products Bulletin Will Close

\*Grand Rapids, Mich.  
412 P.O. Building      895      R.E.Keller      Apples      Nov. 3      Jan. 13  
Onions      Nov. 3      March 30  
Potatoes      Nov. 3      April 13

Idaho Falls, Idaho  
206 Federal Bldg.      845      R.G.Risser      Potatoes      Sept. 25      April 13

\*Lakeland, Florida  
P.O. Box 191      920      H.F.Willson      Citrus      Oct. 3      June 15

\*Plant City, Fla.  
P.O. Box 449      850      R.N.Peterson      Strawberries      Jan. 8      April 6

\*Phoenix, Ariz.  
602 Security Bldg.      815      A.M. McDowell      Lettuce      Feb. 26      April 16

\*Pompano, Fla.  
State Farmers' Market      937      J.B.Owens      Beans      Dec. 26      April 6  
Peppers      Jan. 4      April 6  
Peas      Jan. 4      March 9  
Tomatoes      Feb. 1      April 6  
Potatoes      Feb. 1      April 6

\*Presque Isle, Maine  
Federal Bldg.      842      S.W.Russell      Potatoes      Sept. 17      May 20

\*Rochester, N.Y.  
300 Terminal Bldg.      837      J.C.Keller      Apples      Sept. 5      May 20  
Cabbage      Sept. 5      Feb. 24  
Carrots      Sept. 7      May 20  
Celery      Sept. 5      Dec. 26  
Grapes      Sept. 25      Oct. 21  
Onions      Sept. 5      April 22  
Pears      Sept. 5      Nov. 4  
Peaches      Sept. 7      Sept. 28  
Potatoes      Oct. 11      May 6

\*Sanford, Fla.  
Farmers' State Market      910      J.Austin Hunter      Celery      Jan. 8      June 8

\*Waupaca, Wisconsin  
Court House      894      P.A.Nicholson      Potatoes      Sept. 1      March 30

\*Weslaco, Texas  
Post Office Bldg.      931      R.E.Winfrey      Citrus      Oct. 16      March 31  
Vegetables      Nov. 6      May 29

THE FOLLOWING STATION CLOSED ON THE DATE INDICATED

\*Brawley, Calif.  
Planters Hotel      933      A.M.McDowell      Lettuce      Jan. 8      Feb. 21

\*State cooperating

T.R. Butts - on leave

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**-INSPECTION SERVICE-**

**1f. SENDING IN REQUESTS BY DEALERS FOR INSPECTION REPORTS**

Paragraph 119 of Part I of the Receiving Market Handbook directs that "Inspectors in receiving markets should not use the leased wire to obtain detailed reports on shipping-point inspected cars for the purpose of supplying the receivers with free information. The receivers should pay for their own wires to Washington, requesting information of this kind."

While it is expected that an applicant shall pay for his own wires to Washington for reports on inspections of cars, it is both proper and desirable for the inspector to forward such requests to Washington over his own name, proper arrangements being made with the applicant for charging such wires to his wire account. When a request is received in this way the Washington office, assuming that the inspector knows that the applicant is a financially interested party and as such is entitled to receive the report, will not be under the necessity of making inquiries to determine this fact.

**2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION**

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

**3f. ENCLOSURE**

A copy of revised U.S. Standards for Snap Beans for Canning or Freezing effective March 1, 1940, accompanies this D. L. for each inspector.

F.G. Robb



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1b. VEGETABLE MOVEMENT FROM THE SANTA MARIA GUADALUPE DISTRICT

Demand for Anise during the early part of the week (March 11-16) was fairly good, on account of an anticipated "Easter" market. Most sales were reported at around \$1.25. Later in the week \$1.15 was being quoted on mixed car lots. Supplies are limited and expected to clean up shortly.

Broccoli was in fair demand throughout the week. Shoots were selling at \$1.25-1.35 and heads at \$1.50-1.60, depending on quality.

Demand for Cabbage has improved somewhat, over last week, but most sales were reported between 65¢ and 85¢ depending on quality. Some lots in mixed cars were being quoted higher. One car was reported sold delivered at \$1.10 f.o.b. basis.

The Carrot situation remains unchanged. There is practically no movement from this district on account of the lack of demand. An occasional sale was reported at \$1.00. Shippers have expressed their willingness to load for \$1.00.

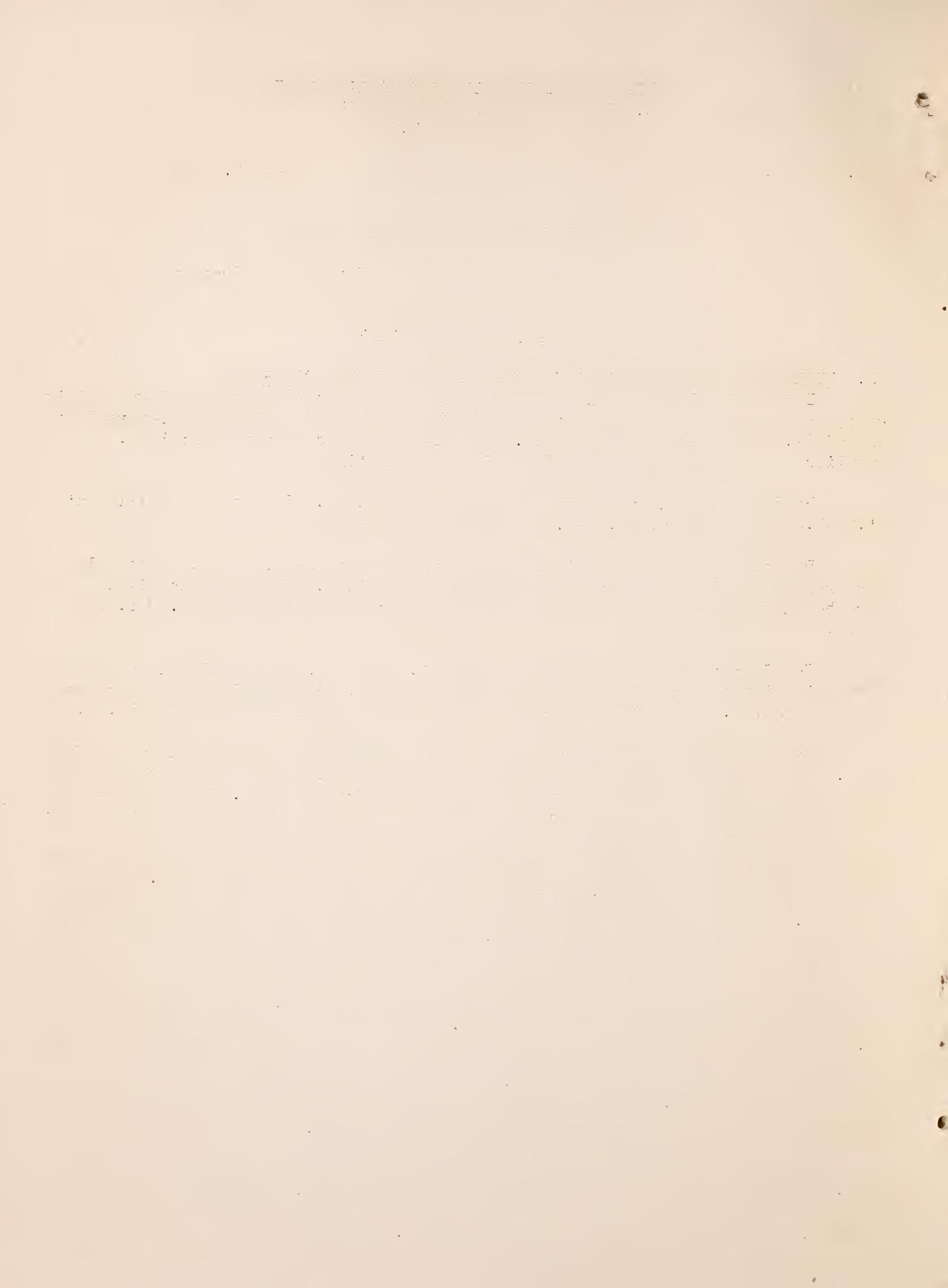
The Cauliflower demand has exceeded the available supply during most of the week. Shipments have been well under those of the previous week and most shippers have fallen short of their estimated car loadings for the week. Weather has been warm during the days but early in the week there were two mornings on which frost occurred, apparently retarding maturity. On Monday, 11th, the market was 60¢, Tuesday 60¢, Wednesday & Thursday 65¢, Friday mostly 70¢, and today, Saturday, 75¢ with a slightly easier undertone. Quality in most cases is making U.S. #1 with heavy culling on the "Early March" variety. There are a few cars being shipped of 85¢ U.S. #1 quality, in some cases being discounted and in other cases selling at the market. Loadings are expected to increase next week; the extent will be determined by weather conditions.

Demand for Endive has been good throughout the week. Most sales were reported at around \$1.50 on 5 dozen and \$1.60 on 4 dozen, with an occasional \$1.65 in mixed cars.

The first few cars of Lettuce were loaded the latter part of the week. Quality is very ordinary and sizes mostly 6s, possibly less on some lots. The nominal market is around \$1.50. Today, Saturday, \$1.75.

Goleta Peas are reported selling around \$2.25, and at \$2.00 early in the week. Quality being fair to good. (Thos. C. Sublett, Jr. - 3/16/40)

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**2b. IDAHO POTATOES**

Higher prices, rather active trading, and liberal loadings were features of the Idaho potato situation at originating points in the middle of March. Speculative interest developed the past week as the market outlook seemed to improve. Reports of rapidly diminishing supplies have been circulated, and estimates on remaining stocks have undergone decided reductions. Dealers have purchased aggressively from growers, many of the transactions being \$1.00 per cwt. bulk for U.S. No. 1 Grade. Since "dollar spuds" are a matter of great moment in the Snake River Valley, recent trading with growers has been big news. The movement to date has been decidedly heavier this season than last season, and prices have been mostl higher. The season has been fairly satisfactory to growers. (Ralph G.Risser-3/16/4

**3b. CHECK SUPPLY OF MIMEOGRAPH PAPER ON HAND**

Each market station is requested to check over its supply of mimeograph paper and anticipate its needs to the first of October. If it is found that the supply on hand will not cover requirements to that date a requisition for an additional supply should be submitted between now and June 1.

B.C. Boree

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**OFFICE NOTES:**

F.E. Bailey, Yakima, Washington, advises his official P.O. Box No. is now 1345.

A.H.Polster, after a period of leave, reported for duty on March 6 at the New York City inspection office, his new headquarters. Meanwhile, Max Austin, formerly with the New York City inspection office has been transferred to the Columbus office.

Bailey S. Rich, New Jersey State Supervisor of Fruit and Vegetable Marketing spent the period 2/19-3/11/40 in the New York City and Philadelphia offices receiv- ing additional training in connection with receiving market inspection work which he will do at Trenton, N.J.

Upon completing an official trip of several weeks duration Paul M.Williams has returned to his desk.

Wm.G.Meal, H.A.Spilman, R.R.Pailthorp, W.C.Hackleman attended a conference of potato and vegetable growers and shippers at Norfolk, Virginia, March 20.

After attendance at the Norfolk conference, Wm. G. Meal will go to Jacksonville, Florida, returning to his desk on March 25.

H.A. Spilman will proceed from the Norfolk conference to points in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida, in connection with the work of the P.A.C.A. unit. He will not return to Washington until about May 8.

For the purpose of making additional studies involving certain points in the grades for citrus, Wm. E. Lewis is now in Florida, where he will remain until about the middle of May.

R.H. Shoemaker will leave Washington about March 24 for about 2 weeks to in- vestigate complaints under the P.A.C.A. at various points in the States of Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

On March 19 W.A.Dorman, of the New York City inspection office, was in the Washington office en route to Sunnyvale, Calif., where he will be permanently stationed in connection with canning plant inspection work which is necessary before the canner is permitted to label his cans as having been inspected under the U.S. grades.



<u>TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE</u>					
<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>First Will Close</u>
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Building	895	R.E.Keller	Apples Onions Potatoes	Nov. 3 Nov. 3 Nov. 3	Jan. 13 March 30 April 27
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 25	April 13
*Lakeland, Florida P. O. Box 191	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus	Oct. 3	June 15
*Plant City, Fla. P. O. Box 449	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries	Jan. 8	April 20
*Phoenix, Arizona 602 Security Bldg.	815	A.M. McDowell	Lettuce	Feb. 26	April 16
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 10
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	A. L. Thomas	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Sept. 5 Sept. 25 Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Dec. 26 Oct. 21 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6
*Sanford, Fla. Farmers' State Market	910	J.Austin Hunter	Celery	Jan. 8	June 8
*Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 16 Nov. 6	March 31 May 29

## THE FOLLOWING STATIONS WILL CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Pompano, Fla. State Farmers' Market	937	J.B. Owens	Beans Peppers Peas Tomatoes Potatoes	Dec. 26 Jan. 4 Jan. 4 Feb. 1 Feb. 1	April 6 April 6 March 9 April 6 April 6
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*Waupaca, Wisconsin Court House	894	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 1	March 30
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## THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	J.B. Owens	Beans Tomatoes Peppers	April 8 " " " " " "	May 17 " " " " " "
*Chadbourn, N.C.	805	H.F. McFeely	Strawberries	April 22	May 18
Hammond, La.	802	J.C. Keller	Strawberries	April 1	May 18
*Hastings, Fla.	851	Unassigned	Potatoes	April 22	May 18
Laredo, Texas	801	P.A.Nicholson	Onions	April 10	May 8

\*State cooperating

J. C. Keller - on leave  
T. R. Butts - on leave



**-INSPECTION SERVICE-**

**1f. WIRING TO FLORIDA FOR SHIPPING POINT REPORTS**

Wires requesting reports of citrus inspections in Florida should be sent to H. M. Riley, Federal-State Inspection Service, Postal Arcade Bldg., Winter Haven, Fla. Wires requesting information for other products inspected in Florida should be sent to H. S. Flynt, Federal-State Inspection Service, 410 Exchange Bldg., Orlando, Fla.

**2f. WIRE REPORTS OF CONDITION INSPECTIONS OF CITRUS FRUITS TO SHIPPING POINT SUPERVISORS**

A number of reports have come to the attention of the Washington office to the effect that receivers were advising shippers that shipping point certificates were being reversed on condition inspections of citrus fruit. The shipping point supervisors get these reports through the shippers and do not know just what kind of inspection has been given at destination. During the remainder of the Florida and Texas citrus shipping season, therefore, it is requested that reports of all condition inspections of citrus fruit which show dryness definitely in excess of that shown at shipping point be wired collect to H. M. Riley, Federal-State Inspection Service, Postal Arcade Bldg., Winter Haven, Fla. or to H. T. Longino, Federal-State Inspection Service, Politis Bldg., Harlingen, Texas depending on the State of origin of the shipment. This will enable the supervisor intelligently to discuss such inspections with the shippers.

**3f. AMENDMENT NO. 4 TO S. R. A. 93, SECOND REVISION**

Accompanying this Division Letter is Amendment No. 4 to S.R.A. 93, second revision. This amendment was requested in order to have specific authority for refusing the benefits of the service to anyone who is guilty of abusive conduct toward an inspector or who in any way interferes with an inspector in the performance of his duty. It has long been held that we have the right to refuse the service in such cases but it was felt best to have this authority incorporated in the regulations of the Secretary.

**4f. TENTATIVE U. S. STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF CANNED ASPARAGUS**

A revision of Tentative U.S. Standards for Grades of Canned Asparagus to become effective March 15, 1940, were approved by the Chief of our Service on March 8, 1940. Copies will be sent to all the inspection offices as soon as mimeographed. They are also being sent to the trade.

**5f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION**

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.



6f. SUPPLEMENTAL FLORIDA CITRUS BRAND REGISTRATIONS TO MARCH 12, 1940.

BLACK LAKE	3	Winter Garden C.G.A. & West Orange C.G.A.	Winter Garden
BLUE LAGOON	3	Winter Garden C.G.A. & West Orange C.G.A.	Winter Garden
BOUNTIFUL	3	Dominey Bros.	Orlando
COMBACK	3	New South Packing Co., Inc.	Winter Garden
CONFUCIUS	3	Chester C. Fosgate Co.	Orlando
ECHO	3	Osceola Fruit Distributors	Kissimmee
FLAMING SUN	3	Hall Packing Co.	Winter Garden
GEM	3	Lake Carlton Fruit Co.	Lake Jem
GOLD TRAIL	3	Elfers Citrus Growers Assn.	Elfers
GULFVIEW	3	Palm Harbor Citrus Growers Association	Palm Harbor
INDIAN GIVER	3	Purpura Bros.	Citra
KING PHILIP ORANGE	3	Weycourt Distributors, Inc.	Leesburg
OSCEOLA	3	L & R Growers and Packers	Kissimmee
PINE LAKE	3	Orange State Packing House	Zellwood
SEMINOLE CHIEF	2	Longwood Fruit Co.	Longwood
SEMINOLE INDIAN	3	Longwood Fruit Co.	Longwood
SUN-RIPENED	Comb.	Luther T. Johnson	Zellwood
SWEET-N-JUICY	3	Silver Palm Fruit Growers Assn.	Homestead
VISTA	3	Charles A. Stewart Co.	Auburndale
YOUR PAL	3	Ro-E-Gains Fruit Co.	Clermont

7f. ENCLOSURES

An Index of Inspection Items in the Division Letters of 1939 is enclosed for each inspector. There are still available some copies of the three previous indexes (1927-1935) - (1936-1937) - (1938) which will be sent to any inspector upon request.

8f. ENCLOSURE

A copy of revised short grade form for Cabbage (1939) accompanies this D.L. for each inspector.

Since the D.L. dated March 8, a copy of Circular 493 "The Earlaine Potato, a New Early Variety," has been mailed to each inspector.

F.G. Robb



INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
 (All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

February, 1940.

	:Coast	:Public	:State	:
	:Marine & Guard	& Health	:County	:
	:Quarter-	:Maritime: N.Y. Medic-Other	& City	:
<u>Cities</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Hospitals</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>mission</u>
Baltimore	-	-	-	-
Boston	-	-	-	-
Chicago	-	5,345	-	-
Denver	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	645,445	27,450	-	-
Los Angeles	-	302,050	38,291	-
Memphis	-	17,738	-	-
Milwaukee	-	126,333	-	-
Newark	-	40,636	-	-
New York	283,207	118,254	28,335	45,320
Norfolk	513,970	-	16,009	219,002
Pittsburgh	140,970	80,011	13,774	40,318
St. Louis	-	40,191	-	294,901
San Diego	-	25,772	-	767,534
San Francisco	1,358,496	-	-	-
San Pedro	1,133,828	-	399,981	87,161
Vallejo	1,264,611	-	-	1,644,965 $\frac{3}{4}$
Washington, D.C.	-	-	19,292	787,534
TOTAL	5,638,358	783,830	399,673	64,218
GRAND TOTAL	9,624,741 $\frac{3}{2}$		219,002	87,161



TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING FEBRUARY, 1940.  
(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	1772	New York	926
California	4630	North Dakota	1883
Colorado	1567½	Ohio	241
Delaware	14	Oklahoma	4
Florida	11985	Oregon	2054
Idaho	3742	Pennsylvania	286½
Indiana	6	South Carolina	24
Louisiana	283½	Texas	5417
Maine	2891	Utah	90*
Michigan	1779	Virginia	444
Minnesota	1715	Washington	2505½
Nebraska	1046½	West Virginia	165
Nevada	6	Wisconsin	373
New Jersey	20½	Wyoming	267
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>46,137¾</u>

\* There were 472 trucklots aggregating 6,464,542 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received - North Carolina, Maryland, Montana, and Mississippi.

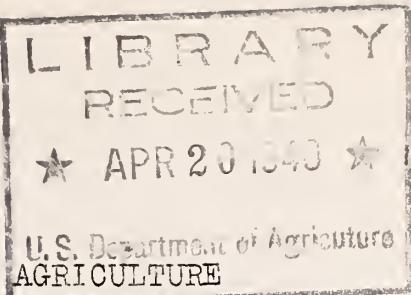
Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above: California 27, Colorado 44, Indiana 12, Maine 20, Massachusetts 78, New Hampshire 13½, New Jersey 23, Vermont 22½, and West Virginia 103.

In addition to the above inspections were made in the following markets for the F.S.C.C. in the amount indicated: Hartford Conn. 15 cars, New Haven, 14½ cars.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING FEBRUARY 1940.</u>					
	Total	Same Month		Total	Same Month
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Albany	9	5	Miami	7	5
Atlanta	23	62	Milwaukee	32	25
Baltimore	42	19	Minneapolis	41	13
Boston	261	283	New Haven	12	19
Buffalo	108	16	Newark	34	37
Charleston	30	-	New Orleans	74	65
Chicago	142	107	New York	683	518
Cincinnati	38	11	Norfolk	19	3
Cleveland	42	45	Oklahoma City	9	18
Columbus	20	18	Omaha	3	3
Denver	26	21	Philadelphia	99	81
Detroit	253	27	Pittsburgh	56	60
East Providence	15	19	Portland	31	17
Fargo	2	0	Rochester	5	17
Fort Worth	5	10	St. Louis	37	56
Harrisburg	4	2	Seattle	1	14
Hartford	34	54	Tampa	2	7
Houston	67	52	Washington, D.C.	22	9
Indianapolis	10	13	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2391</u>	<u>1784</u>
Jackson	1	-	Total fees assessed for	Total last year	
Jacksonville	40	8	February, 1940-\$9,191.55	\$8,306.66	
Kansas City	44	40	(1497 cars inspected for Western Perishable		
Los Angeles	9	12	Carload Receivers' Assn. New York City)		
Memphis	9	13			



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1a. SUBMITTING EXPENSE ACCOUNTS

Attention is again called to the fact that expense vouchers should be submitted monthly, except small accounts involving no travel on transportation requests, which may be submitted quarterly.

2a. ADVISE WASHINGTON OF CHANGES FOR NEW ADDRESS LISTS

Have you complied with the request contained in D. L. item 3a, February 23, 1940? Failure to hear from an office by April 20 will be construed as meaning no change in the address lists is necessary.

3a. HELP LOCATE JOHNNIE G. LAMB

Anyone having information concerning the whereabouts of Johnnie G. Lamb, formerly doing business at Raleigh, North Carolina, as the Penny Profit Fruit Company and believed to be in Florida at present, is requested to advise H. A. Spilman.

4a. ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS, A.M.S.

From the Office of Information there has recently been mailed to each permanent office copy of a booklet entitled "Organization and Functions, Agricultural Marketing Service," published in March, 1940. A copy is enclosed with this D. L. for each temporary market station.



CECILE LINN

The Washington office was shocked to learn of the sudden death of Mrs. Cecile Linn on Saturday afternoon, March 30, the result of a heart attack. Mrs. Linn, secretary to R.R.Pailthorp, had rendered highly efficient service in the Marketing Research, Grades and Standards project of this Division since October, 1920.

Always having a word of good cheer for everyone, Mrs. Linn, with her happy, kindly disposition, endeared herself to all of her co-workers. She is survived by her husband, four sisters, a brother and a host of friends.

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OFFICE NOTES:

L. W. Brewer is now engaged in the supervision of shipping point inspection work in the State of Mississippi, with headquarters at Crystal Springs. The State of Utah shipping point inspection work, as well as condition inspections, will be handled by Earl Hutchings, State Supervisor at Salt Lake City, during Mr. Brewer's absence from that office.

R.M. Ferguson will be on annual leave during the period April 16-May 4 after which he will go to St. Louis to relieve L.G.C.Peirce, during May 6-18, while the latter is on leave. Mr. Ferguson will then go to Kansas City, where he will relieve F. M. Lyle who will be on leave during May 20-June 22. During the entire period (4/16-6/22) the Omaha inspection office will be closed.

A training class for inspector's is now in progress at Chicago. R.D. Thompson, Fain Cesar and W.B.Renfro, from the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture and Earl L.Biddick, who holds a cooperative appointment with this Department and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture, will be in attendance to receive instructions covering the subjects of pathology, inspection methods and certificate writing. Under a new cooperative agreement with the State of Oklahoma, Messrs. Thompson and Cesar will be given cooperative appointments enabling them to make receiving market inspections at Oklahoma City and Tulsa.

M.E.Smith will leave Washington for California early in the coming week for the purpose of securing information upon which to make a revision of the U.S.Standards for Italian sprouting broccoli and other vegetables.

L.M.Billman is spending several days of the current week at Baltimore handling inspection of canned fruits and vegetables. H.S. Slamp spent Sunday, March 31, inspecting a large shipment of canned tomatoes to move from the Eastern Shore of Maryland by boat, for export. About April 15 John E. Dodds will proceed from Portland, Oregon, to Washington, where he will spend several weeks assisting in the development of grades for canned fruits, principally those packed in the Pacific Northwest. Mrs. Eleanor Linderer, of the Chicago Processed Foods office, is inspecting canned peas at Elk Lake, Wisconsin, for several days during this week.

Paul M. Williams will address a meeting of the American Bankers Association at Hot Springs, Virginia, April 22, on the subject "U.S.Standards for Agricultural Products."



## -MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS ON THE GOB, QA, RU AND WA PAGES OF THE CODE:  
(Effective April 13)

On the GOB (MISCELLANEOUS FOB PHRASES) page of the code add  
GOBIV present shipments seed stock\*

This term suggested by S. W. Russell, will make it possible to save words in  
<sup>/coding</sup> such phrases as "most present shipments seed stock."

On the QA (ASPARAGUS) page of the code add  
AR various sizes

This term, says E. R. Biddle, will be useful in quoting loose asparagus where the stock is not sized or where the size is not an important factor in the price.

On the RU (GRAPEFRUIT, ORANGES AND TANGERINES) page of the code add to the heading of the page "LIMES" so that the code page will now cover "GRAPEFRUIT, ORANGES, TANGERINES AND LIMES." And to this page add the following:

RUX quarter boxes  
RUY cartons  
AT Key type  
AV Persian Seedless

For the last two code terms make a new sub-head under VARIETIES headed "Limes."

These suggestions are also at the suggestion of Mr. Biddle

on the WA (MISCELLANEOUS) page of the code cancel the present meanings for  
WAH pea crates (western) (18x10x22)\* and  
AF Kentucky Wonders and add  
WAH crates  
AF Plentifuls

The last change, also suggested by Mr. Biddle, will make it possible to code crates of various sizes and combine them with counts or descriptive suffixes.



**2b. QUOTING IMPERIAL VALLEY ASPARAGUS**

The Division Letter for April 7, 1939, item 1b, included a tabulation of asparagus grades and sizes which should be used in market reports. The second group covered sizes for the Imperial Valley of California, which at that time used different grades than the rest of the State.

It is understood that this year Imperial Valley is using the same asparagus grades as the rest of California and Arizona; therefore in your code books, to which this page of the April 7, 1939, Division Letter should have been transferred, cancel the entire section headed "Imperial Valley California." Also cross out the word "other" before "California" in the third group on the page. The six grades following will be understood as applying to the entire State of California and Arizona.

**3b. PHOENIX LETTUCE GOOD YIELD**

After a series of rather violent price fluctuations, the lettuce market became fairly stabilized last week at \$2.00-2.50, mostly \$2.50 on best 5-dozen, and \$1.50-1.75 on 6 dozen size. Following extremely heavy loadings, the price on 5s declined to mostly \$2.25 on Saturday, while 6s held about steady. With the resumption of packing of 6s without restriction today, offerings were a little heavier and the price on this size weakened slightly.

A period of about a week of extremely warm weather for the season of the year, culminating on Easter Sunday, when a maximum temperature of 91 degrees was reached, resulted in a very noticeable deterioration of quality. Most lots showed considerable tipburn, and slime was quite prevalent. The percentage of stock grading U.S. No. 1, which had run close to 50 per cent of the total inspections, dropped suddenly to almost nothing, and comparatively few cars ran as high as 80-85% U.S. No. 1 quality. Some lots, however, while grading low on account of marginal tipburn, had very good appearance.

Yields have been much better than average, which has accounted for the movement running heavier than many shippers had anticipated. Around one-third of a car per acre is considered about an average yield during the spring season, but the 1940 average will come close to being a half-car per acre. While a few fields have given poor yields, others, especially in the Mesa section about 20 miles east of Phoenix, have come close to producing a car to the acre. Relatively high prices all through the season have made it possible for growers to cut over fields several times until practically every head was harvested.

Shipments from the Phoenix district through yesterday totaled 3,925 cars, with approximately 200 cars additional by truck. If most of the remaining lettuce can be shipped, the total carlot movement may be in the neighborhood of 5,000 cars, which would be heavier than in any recent year except 1937, when 6,341 cars were moved.

There has been a considerable increase in the truck movement of lettuce from the Salt River Valley this season, especially into Texas points. Fort Worth and nearby cities are being supplied almost entirely by trucks at present. Trucks are also supplying a large part of the Oklahoma and Western Kansas trade.



PHOENIX LETTUCE GOOD YIELD (cont'd)

Carlot shipments from the Yuma district through yesterday totaled 1,796 cars, with the season practically over. Truck movement from this section has been approximately 225 cars, mostly dry-pack for Los Angeles and other Pacific Coast markets. Exceptionally heavy yields were obtained in the Yuma district this season, averaging over 200 crates, or around two-thirds of a car, per acre.

Close to 1,000 acres of extremely late lettuce will be ready for harvest in the Phoenix district beginning either late this week or early next week. The cooler weather of the past several days has favored the development of this crop and most of it is said to be in fairly satisfactory condition. If unfavorable weather or market conditions do not interfere, some lettuce may be available for shipment almost until the end of April. Loadings, however, are gradually declining and the active shipping season is expected to be about over by the middle of the month.

The first car of cantaloups from the Imperial Valley of California was reported being loaded today. If completed and billed, it will mark the earliest date in the history of the Valley for carlot movement to occur. The earliest shipment in any previous year was in 1934, when the first car was billed on April 2. Most of the early melons are small and some growers have removed poor, small sets from their vines. A movement to effect an agreement to keep sizes smaller than Pony 54s out of the eastern markets has been reported. Mildew has already appeared on several strains of seed which are being grown this season. (A.M. McDowell, 4/1/40)

4b. MICHIGAN ONIONS AND POTATOES

ONIONS. Warm weather this week has slowed up onion trading. Track holdings were fairly heavy the first of the week and terminal operators were cleaning out supplies on hand to avoid shrinkage from sprouting before making further purchases. Growers with stock on hand are rather anxious about the warmer weather, but are holding for \$3.00 bulk per cwt. for good stock 70% 2" and larger. Shippers estimate stocks on hand in Michigan at about 250 cars common storage and 40 cars cold storage. Most of the common storage stock is at Grant. Shippers estimate about 60% of the stock remaining is in growers' hands.

POTATOES. Trading in potatoes has been light with the market slightly stronger. Shippers report stock remaining is mostly in the northern part of the State and is lighter than usual. Rail movement continues light, and truck forwardings are running about twice those of rail as has been the case all season. The rail movement in April should pick up some as most shipments of seed are billed in this month. Prices to growers are mostly around \$1.00-1.15, bulk per cwt. (R.E. Keller, 3/30/40).

5b. ENCLOSURE: Accompanying this D. L. for each market news man is a copy of a bulletin entitled Wholesale Prices of Fruits and Vegetables at New York City, Chicago, and Leading Shipping Points, by Months, 1939.



<u>TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE</u>						
	Mail	In		First	Probably	
<u>Stations</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Will</u>	<u>Close</u>
*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	J.B.Owens	Beans Tomatoes Peppers	April 1 " 1 " 1	May 17 " 17 " 17	
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P. O. Building	895	R.E.Keller	Apples Onions Potatces	Nov. 3 " 3 " 3	Jan. 13 March 30 April 27	
Hammond, La.	802	J.C.Keller	Strawberries	April 1	May	18
*Lakeland, Florida P. O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 3	June	15
Laredo, Texas	801	P.A.Nicholson	Onions	April 10	May	8
*Plant City, Fla. P. O. Box 449	850	R.M.Peterson	Strawberries	Jan. 8	April	20
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May	10
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	A.L.Thomas	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Sept. 5 Sept. 25 Sept. 5 Sept. 5 Sept. 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Dec. 26 Oct. 21 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6	
*Sanford, Fla. Farmers' State Market	910	J.Austin Hunter	Celery	Jan. 8	June	8
*Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 16 Nov. 6	March 31 May 29	

## THE FOLLOWING STATIONS WILL CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 25	April 13
*Phoenix, Arizona 602 Security Bldgs.	815	A.M. McDowell	Lettuce	Feb. 26	April 12

## THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Chadbourn, N.C.	805	H.F. McFeely	Strawberries	April 29	May 18
*Hastings, Fla. *State cooperating	851	Unassigned	Potatoes	April 22	May 18

T. R. Butts - on leave



**-INSPECTION SERVICE-****1f. SIGNING CERTIFICATES**

Further inquiry has been received regarding the signing of certificates when they must be issued before it is practicable for them to reach the inspector for his signature. In Division Letter of February 10, 1939, instructions were given which authorized the supervising inspector to write his name under the typed name of the inspector over the words "Supervising Inspector." This plan has been in quite common use in connection with certificates covering F.S.C.C. purchases.

In Division Letter of May 5, 1939 instructions were issued under which it is possible for the inspector to give power of attorney to sign the inspector's name to the certificate. This plan was permissive, the instructions reading: "...the inspector may give power of attorney to a responsible employee...."

This latter plan should be used in all receiving offices and in shipping points where the inspector works for considerable periods of time at one point and under a single supervisor who should be given this power of attorney. There are some States, however, in which the inspectors are moved so frequently because of the short duration of the shipping season for certain products that it would be difficult to change the power of attorney to a new supervisor every time the inspector's assignment is changed. In such cases the plan outlined in Division Letter of February 10, 1939 should be followed.

No unsigned certificates should be issued, one or the other of the plans outlined above being followed.

**2f. RECEIVING MARKET INSPECTION OFFICE OPENED IN TRENTON, N.J.**

B.S. Rich, State Supervisor of Fruit and Vegetable Marketing for New Jersey, has been authorized to issue regular Federal receiving market certificates in Trenton, N.J. and vicinity. His name should be added to all lists of receiving market inspectors. His address is 606 First Mechanics Bank Bldg., Trenton, N.J. Phone 22131, Ext. 415. Mr. Rich's home address is 601 North Main St., Hightstown, N. J.

**3f. DO NOT RETURN AN UNPAID CHECK TO THE MAKER**

When a check for an inspection fee is returned by a bank marked "NOT SUFFICIENT FUNDS" it is usually referred back to the office which made the inspection with the request that a new check, draft, or other form of payment be obtained. The check which is marked "NSF" should not be sent back to the original maker when requesting payment of the obligation but should be retained with the rest of the file on the case. The check constitutes an admission of the obligation on the part of the person who signed it and will be of use to the Department in its attempt to make the collection in case the obligation is not met promptly.



**4f. REPORT APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF CONTAINERS IN L.C.L. LOTS ON FORM FPI-lla.**

It is sometimes impracticable to determine the exact number of containers in l.c.l. lots. When this is impossible it is important that the approximate number of containers in each l.c.l. lot be shown on the monthly report form FPI-lla. The approximate number of containers should be shown on l.c.l. certificates also as suggested in paragraph 59, Part II of the Receiving Point Handbook. (This item appeared in the Division Letter dated December 29, 1939, and is repeated at this time with the request for cooperation on the part of all who submit these reports.)

**5f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION**

For Mississippi reports wire L. W. Brewer, Crystal Springs, Miss.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

**6f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS**

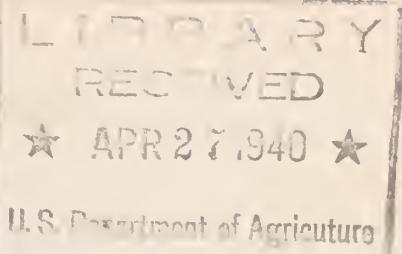
Alex Buckholtz	c/o Jack Rosner, P.t. Lauderdale, Fla.	\$2.50
George Miller	351 Washington, St., New York, N.Y.	2.00
P. Valenzano	138 E. 107th St., New York, N.Y.	1.00
H.K. Sanford Orchards	New Paltz, N.Y.	1.00

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1b. LOUISIANA STRAWBERRIES

After a slow start the strawberry season began in earnest this week. After shipping 33 and 37 cars on Monday and Tuesday, shipments increased sharply to 93 cars on Wednesday, and 108 cars on Thursday. Warm winds during the day and cool nights caused the rapid ripening of the fruit on Wednesday and Thursday, resulting in the heavy shipments.

Carlot Auction Prices during the first week (Apr. 2-6) ranged from \$2.75-3.75 per 24 pint crates, but weakened the second week (April 8-13) to \$1.50-2.30. Prices recovered slightly during the latter part of the week. Quality is reported to be very good.

There was a light frost over the district last night (Friday, April 12) which no doubt damaged some blossoms; however, it will take a day or two before the actual damage can be determined. - J.C. Keller - 4/13/40. (4/19/40 - It is understood the damage is slight. - Editor).

2b. SUMMARY VEGETABLE MOVEMENT FROM THE SANTA MARIA GUADALUPE DISTRICT

Cauliflower shipments have continued light and has exceeded the supply all week, excepting perhaps today when the demand will probably be active but not exceeding the supply. During the past three days, Thursday through today (Saturday) the weather has been very hot. Culling is reported heavy in many patches and only a few cars are making U.S. #1. Some shippers are not trying to make U.S. #1 now and are selling on a basis of 85% U.S. No. 1. Monday through the week and including today (Saturday) the market has held at 85¢, with an occasional car at 90¢ during the latter part of the week.

Demand for lettuce has been fairly good during the week. There has been a wide range in prices as well as quality and condition. 5s have been selling at \$2.00 to \$2.50. 6s at \$1.35 to \$1.50.

Peas of the Bush variety were reported selling at \$2.25-2.40 during the first part of the week, and the Pole variety at \$2.75. However, since the heavy shipments of April 11th, no sales have been reported. (Thos. C. Sublett, Jr. 4/13/40).

B.C. Boree



**-INSPECTION SERVICE-****1f. SCHEDULES OF INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS**

Each receiving market office is requested to forward to the Washington office at once a schedule of their time each week devoted to making inspections for various Federal and non-Federal institutions. This information is necessary in order that the Washington office may know when it is impracticable for an office to make out-of-town inspections. It is also requested that in order to keep this information up to date the Washington office be advised whenever changes in their schedules of such inspections occur.

**2f. BREAKDOWN OF ONIONS**

For sometime past all watery conditions of the scales of onions have been described as "glassy, water-soaked scales." The term "breakdown" is generally used by pathologists to describe this condition and may be used in certificate writing in the future. It will not be necessary to state cause of breakdown. If sure that the watery condition of scales is due to freezing injury the term "freezing injury" may be used but, if in doubt, the term "breakdown" should be used without any explanation of cause. The extent of the injury and practice as to scoring against grade will be the same as in the past.

**3f. HOURLY RATE AFTER 1,000 CONDITION INSPECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE**

In reply to an inquiry as to the proper reduction in the hourly rate for inspections after refund has been made for the payment of 1,000 condition fees the following instructions were issued:

"While the revised Section 4 of Regulation 7 of S.R.A. 93, second revision, does not make any special provisions for reduced hourly fees which may be charged after the equivalent of 1,000 cars have been inspected, paragraph 1 of Section 1 of this Regulation provides that the rates per hour are 'not to exceed \$2.00 per hour.' This gives us the privilege of fixing rates which shall be equitable and so we should make the hourly rate the same percentage of regular \$2.00 rate as the reduced \$2.00 fee is of \$2.50. This would be \$1.60. You may therefore make charges at this rate after the 1,000-car limit has been reached when it seems best to make the charges on an hourly rather than a carlot basis."

**4f. CHANGE PARAGRAPH 227, PART 1, IHB.**

Change Paragraph 227, Part 1, IHB to read: When copies of certificates for which charges are made, fee bills, F.P.I. 2, 2a, 2b and 2c, should be prepared; 2, 2a and 2b should be handled in the usual way. The yellow fee slip, F.P.I. 2c, should be forwarded to the Washington office at the time the copy of the certificate is mailed. When inspections on which certificates are not issued are made, as in the case of supplies for Steamship Lines or any agency other than the Federal Government, the yellow fee slip F.P.I. 2c should be forwarded to the Washington office at the end of the month with the monthly report.



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-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. CERTIFICATION OF CANNED PRODUCTS ON FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS

Requests are frequently received from successful bidders on Government contracts to certify as to whether certain lots in canners' warehouses meet the requirements of Federal Specifications.

It is not unusual for "borderline" merchandise to be offered. Frequently samples from the lots will show some cans above the minimum line of the grade called for in the Specifications while other cans will be below. Although the average scores of all cans in the sample may average above the minimum score for the lots, such lots should not be certified as meeting the Specification. All cans in the sample must meet the Specification.

Form of Certification

The form of certification in such instances should be as follows:

"Grade. Meets (or fails to meet) quality requirements  
of Federal Specification -----."

Under no circumstances should we certify that a lot "meets all requirements of Federal Specification -----" unless the inspector has been provided with full details in connection with a specific contract, because there are other requirements in Federal Specifications such as strapping, stenciling and labeling which must be observed under all contracts.

Loading and Sealing Cars

In the event we are asked to supervise loading and to seal cars with the official seals of the Department, the inspector must remain at the plant and supervise the loading in order that there can be no question but that only the lots inspected move under seal. In the event additional time is consumed, additional charge for this service will be made on the hourly basis of \$2.60 an hour to cover the period elapsing between the completion of the grading and the sealing of the car.

PAUL M. WILLIAMS

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5f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, c/o B.P. Livingston, Division of Plant Industry, Montgomery, Alabama.

For Mississippi reports wire L.W. Brewer, Crystal Springs, Miss.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W.Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.



TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING MARCH, 1940  
 (l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	4921	North Carolina	11
Arkansas	6	North Dakota	2805
California	2523	Ohio	133
Colorado	2145 $\frac{1}{2}$	Oregon	2245 $\frac{1}{2}$
Florida	8092	Pennsylvania	272
Idaho	4393 $\frac{1}{2}$	South Carolina	8
Indiana	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	Texas	4119
Louisiana	516	Utah	158*
Maine	3249 $\frac{1}{2}$	Virginia	624
Michigan	1956	West Virginia	74
Minnesota	3491	Wisconsin	502
Nebraska	586	Wyoming	<u>183<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></u>
New Jersey	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>43,896<math>\frac{1}{2}</math></b>
Nevada	1		
New York	869		

\* There were 526 trucklots aggregating 6,992,916 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received - Maryland, Montana, Oklahoma and Washington.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above: California 153, Colorado 63, Florida 297, Maine 10, Massachusetts 13, New Jersey 25, New Hampshire 3, Utah 50, and Vermont 10.

In addition to the above inspections were made in the following markets for the F.S.C.C. in the amount indicated: Hartford, Conn. 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cars, New Haven 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  cars.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING MARCH, 1940.</u>					
Total	Same Month	Total	Same Month		
Markets	Inspections	Last Year	Markets	Inspections	Last Year
Albany	7	8	Milwaukee	22	22
Atlanta	19	23	Minneapolis	20	7
Baltimore	44	34	Newark	27	41
Boston	176	211	New Haven	7	19
Buffalo	85	53	New Orleans	65	89
Charleston	4	-	New York	548	676
Chicago	165	149	Norfolk	19	10
Cincinnati	22	18	Oklahoma City	8**	22
Cleveland	56	58	Omaha	1	7
Columbus	32	30	Philadelphia	69	102
Denver	31	19	Pittsburgh	51	46
Detroit	280	41	Portland	53	30
East Providence	10	15	Rochester	13	8
Fort Worth	6	3	St. Louis	28	35
Harrisburg	1	5	Salt Lake City	0	2
Hartford	12	40	San Francisco	0	1
Houston	10	76	Seattle	5	7
Indianapolis	7	14	Tampa	1	5
Jacksonville	23	11	Trenton	5	-
Kansas City	73	44	Washington, D.C.	7	3
Los Angeles	20	6	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2050</b>	<b>1981</b>
Memphis	10	6	Total fees assessed for		Total last year
Miami	7	5	March, 1940-\$8,321.88		\$8,884.12

1551 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn. New York City.

\*\* Compiled from certificates in file.

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
 (All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

March, 1940.

Cities	Navy	Hospitals	Corps	mission	Federal	Insti-	Agencies	tutions	Lines	3,772
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,419
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	309,508 $\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago	-	6,750	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	451,285	28,885	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	506,597	64,050	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Memphis	-	17,615	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	88,974	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newark	4,177	57,180	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	142,933	164,174	20,973	73,194	220,343	-	9,727	-	-	-
Norfolk	531,420	-	-	14,321	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	164,763	62,972	16,971	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	27,841	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	19,655	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Diego	2,256,073	-	303,227	5,261	-	-	1,960	-	-	-
San Francisco	1,245,423	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	2,643,606	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	442,895	-	32,175	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,213	-	-	-
TOTAL	7,882,575	780,643	437,396	92,776	220,343	59,900	1,384,780	755,802	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	12,114,215	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICE NOTES:

R.L. Spangler will go to Chicago about April 24 in connection with proposed changes in U. S. grades for fruits and vegetables resulting from a study being made to determine trade and consumer preference for some of these commodities, particularly potatoes.

Upon leaving Washington April 28, for a period of about 1 month, F.G.Robb, will go to various points in the States of Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Arkansas and Oklahoma, in the interest of the shipping point inspection service.

R.G. Hill is visiting various points in the States of Georgia, Louisiana, Alabama, Texas and Oklahoma for the purpose of collecting information relative to grades for peanuts, shallots and other vegetables.

Wm. G. Meal spent April 15-18 conferring with officials of the Chicago, Indianapolis and Milwaukee offices.

W. C. Hackleman spent April 18-19 in the Washington office. On April 2 Mr. Hackleman addressed a meeting of the Bridgeport Marketing Association, Bridgeport, Conn., on the subject "Grades for Local Vegetables."

On May 4, T.C. Curry will attend a meeting of the Berks-Lehigh Mountain Fruit Growers Association at Reading, Pa., at which time he will take part in an answer-and-question discussion concerning the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

We are glad to report that L.V. Bryant, of the Chicago office, who underwent an emergency operation on February 18, returned to duty on April 15.

C. G. Brand, of the Denver inspection office will be on leave during the period April 22-May 11.

Bolling Hall, who has been working in the New Orleans inspection office since last fall, has returned to his permanent station, Atlanta. Meanwhile, T. W. Ayres, of the Atlanta office, has gone to Alabama for the purpose of supervising shipping point inspection work on strawberries, cabbage and other vegetables.

J.B. Wright, of the San Pedro office, will be on leave during the period May 1-16. Mr. Khane, a Bureau of Animal Industry inspector, will handle the fruit and vegetable inspection work during Mr. Wright's absence.

Due to pressure of work in the Chicago inspection office, James R. Sheely, of the Monte Vista, Colorado, office will assist with the work at Chicago during the period May 1-June 22.

Stephen N. Green, of the Great Lakes office will be on leave during the period May 1-31.

L.C. Carey will attend a meeting of Eastern Apple Box Manufacturers to be held April 29-30 at Harrisburg, Pa.



SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS  
GOVERNING THE INSPECTION OF CITRUS FOR TREE-FREEZING AND  
DRYNESS ASSOCIATED WITH TREE-FREEZING

For a complete description of the effects of freezing on citrus see article by Dr. D.H. Rose in Division Letter dated Jan. 4, 1935, paragraph 5f.

In making inspections for tree-freezing injury and dryness associated with tree-freezing injury, use a composite sample in determining percentages. Information from shipping sections indicates that there is no material difference in the severity of the injury in the various sizes. Therefore, a flat or approximate average for a brand should be reported with no attempt to show a range. But in selecting samples, every effort should be made to obtain the right proportion of the various sizes.

In determining whether it is necessary to select a composite sample, inspectors should cut a sufficient number of suspicious specimens to determine whether there is any fruit showing dryness or a mushy condition to justify scoring under the grade. If the suspicious specimens are not bad enough to score under the grade, no composite sample is necessary.

In selecting the composite sample for cutting, the following policy should be followed for both regular and appeal inspections:

1. When there is only one brand in car select at random six fruits from each of 12 boxes.

2. When there are two or more brands select five fruits from each of ten boxes from each brand, except in very small lots, where the inspector should use his judgment as to the proper number to be sampled.

Whenever possible the composite sample should be brought to the office for cutting where there will be sufficient light, a place to dispose of the cut fruit and less likelihood of attracting undue attention.

The limits for mushy condition or dryness in the various grades are the volumes equivalent to stem-end segments of the following thickness:

U.S. No. 1 oranges and grapefruit  $1/4$  inch; Mandarin group oranges  $1/8$  inch.

U.S. No. 2 and U.S. No. 3 oranges and grapefruit  $1/2$  inch; Mandarin group  $1/4$  inch.

If the mushy condition or dryness affects other parts of the fruit than the stem end it will be necessary for the inspector to determine whether the total affected volume is more than the volume of the segment of the prescribed thickness.

In deciding when to score dryness against grade and when against condition it is the policy of the inspection service to allow for possible drying out in transit as follows:

A month or more after a freeze it will be the policy to score against grade, all dryness in excess of the equivalent of 1/4 inch more than the grade permits, that is, the first 1/4 inch in excess of that permitted by the grade should be treated the same as other condition factors and that in excess of 1/4 inch should be scored against grade. All dryness or mushiness should be shown on the certificate under the Condition heading but the percentage in excess of 1/4 inch more than the grade permits should be shown separately.

When a lot is out of grade on account of the usual defects and dryness combined, only the usual grade defects should be shown under Quality. Thus: "External grade defects average 5%." The use of the word "External" distinguishes the usual defects from dryness. If the percentage of dryness, in excess of 1/4 inch more than the grade permits, plus the external grade defects, exceeds the tolerance the grade statement should be "Fails to grade U.S. No. 1 account defects including dryness in excess of tolerance." When the dryness which is not in excess of 1/4 inch more than the grade permits plus the usual defects total more than the tolerance, the grade statement should read "Now fails to grade U.S. No. 1 only account dryness."

The following methods should be used in reporting dryness or mushy condition for the various grades:

(1) U.S. No. 1 grade - "Average approximately 15% damaged by dryness, including 5% serious damage."

(2) U.S. Combination - "Average approximately 25% damaged by dryness or mushy condition, including 15% serious damage and 8% affecting more than 3/4 inch."

(3) U.S. No. 2 - "Average approximately 20% serious damage by dryness, including 12% affecting more than 3/4 inch."

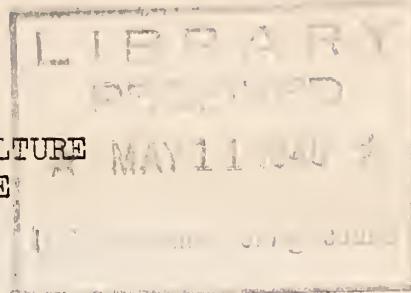
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#### 6f. TREAT INTERNAL BROWNING OF POTATOES AS FACTOR OF CONDITION

In reply to several requests which have been received within the last week as to whether internal browning of potatoes should be treated as a factor of grade or condition all inspectors are advised that for the present internal browning would be treated as a factor of condition. While it is known that this defect is found principally during the later storage period definite information is lacking as to the rate at which it may develop after the potatoes are taken out of storage. It is believed, however, that there is likely to be some development of this defect in transit and since it is subject to change it will be considered a factor of condition until further notice.

*W.M. F.*

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. NEW SECTION FORMED IN F. & V. DIVISION FOR REGULATORY WORK

On April 1, the regulatory work of the Fruit and Vegetable Division was set up as a separate section on a basis similar to that of the other sections of the Division, namely, the inspection service, the market news service, the processed foods standardization and inspection section, the grades, standards, and research section, etc.

H.A. Spilman is in charge of the newly created regulatory section, which includes the administration of the Standard Container Acts, the Perishable Agricultural Commodities and Produce Agency Acts, misbranding activities, and enforcement of the Export Apple and Pear Act, other than supervision of the inspection work on these commodities.

Letters and telegrams from our field representatives regarding regulatory work should be addressed to him in order to expedite handling of matters with which this new section is concerned.

W.G. Meal

2a. ENCLOSURE

A copy of "Directory of Organization and Field Activities of the Department of Agriculture: 1939" accompanies this Division Letter for each office.

3a. PROCEDURE FOR MAKING ADDITIONAL VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND.

The A.M.S. News of May 1, 1940, carries an item describing the procedure for making additional voluntary contributions to the Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund. The item will not be repeated in the Division Letter. It is desired, however, to emphasize the following:

1. The procedure is entirely voluntary - no one need make additional contributions if they do not care to do so.
2. The Form 3471 - "Election to Make Voluntary Contributions" will be mailed to employees only upon request to the Washington Divisional office. We are asked to request employees not to send for the Form 3471 unless they are actually interested in making the additional contributions to the Retirement Fund.
3. Payments must be made in no less an amount than \$25 (and/or multiples thereof) and must\_be\_made\_by\_the\_employee\_direct\_to\_the\_Civil\_Service\_Commission. (Deductions will not be made from employee's salary.)
4. Payments may be made at such intervals as elected by the employee and need not be made at stated intervals - such as monthly, quarterly, etc.
5. One or more deposits does not obligate an employee to continue making deposits.
6. Whatever contributions one elects to make is deposited, with interest at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  per annum, compounded as of June 30 of each year, as prescribed by law and becomes\_available\_at\_the\_date\_of\_retirement,\_to\_purchase\_additional\_annuity in pursuance of such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Civil Service Commission. The Division has no information from which employees can be advised as to the amount of additional annuity which will result from the additional contributions. (This information, or an approximate figure, might be obtained by the individual employee by writing direct to the Civil Service Commission, Retirement Division, Washington, D.C.)
7. Voluntary deposits will be refunded only in case of:
  - (a) Transfer to a position in which the employee does not retain his status under the Retirement Act.
  - (b) Absolute separation from the service prior to becoming eligible for retirement annuity.
  - (c) Death.

## -MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS ON THE D, F, KO, KU, NA-NE, AND PO PAGES OF THE CODE: (Effective May 11)

On the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code cancel the present meaning for

DOS Southern and add

DOS Prince Edward Island

On the KO (CABBAGE) page of the code cancel the present meaning for

KOJ crates (approx. 70 lbs. net) and add

KOJ  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -bushel wire-bound crates

On the KU (CANTALOUP) page of the code change present meaning of  
OC to read

OC precooling \$15-20 per car extra.

(This confirms wire sent over the circuits on April 22; and the change was effective April 24)

On the NA-NE (ONIONS) page of the code cancel present meanings of

AC Australian Browns, U.S. No. 1 and

CC Australian Browns and add

AC Babosa, U.S. No. 1

OC Babosa

(According to Plant Industry varietal experts this is the proper spelling of the variety being grown in increasing quantities in Texas, and sometimes spelled Barbosa or Barbossa)

On the PO (TOMATOES) page of the code add

POL 20-lb. lugs



Division Letter, May 3, 1940

2b. MORE COMPLETE PRICE INFORMATION IN LOCAL BULLETINS

We occasionally receive a complaint on the inadequacy of the price information for a particular market as published in the local bulletin of that office. In an effort to meet the need for sufficient price information to make satisfactory interpretations of price and market changes, in claims cases for example, it will be appreciated if each terminal market reporter will endeavor to include in his complete report, published in his local mimeographed report, sufficient price data to meet this need. An example of an inadequate report might read as follows: Market dull, few sales \$2.25, fair quality \$1.25-\$1.50. It is difficult to interpret such a quotation when compared with a more complete report of the day before or the day following when there have been price changes. Each market reporter should try to secure and include in his local report sufficient detail to make each report self-explanatory.

No change should be made in the telegraphic reports sent to Washington via leased wire or wired direct to field offices. For such purposes the short form of report should be continued.

3b. WEEKLY SUMMARY VEGETABLES SHIPPED FROM THE SANTA MARIA GUADALUPE DISTRICT.

A Somewhat slower demand for Broccoli has prevailed during the past week (4/27/40) and prices reported were lower than those of the previous week. Shoots were selling around \$1.50-1.75 and heads from \$2.15 to 2.25. Special marks were reported selling at \$2.25 on shoots and \$2.75 on heads.

Most of the Cabbage movement was confined to mixed cars. A price range of 85¢ to \$1.00 was reported during the week.

The Carrot market advanced to the \$1.25-1.35 level during the week but supplies of good quality stocks are very light. Tops are bad on the old fields and new patches are still too young for shipment at this time.

The Cauliflower market has held at \$1.05-1.10 all through the week, excepting Monday when the range was \$1.00-1.10. During the first part of the week there was an active cash buying demand and some buyers were offering more than the price set by the shippers but in all cases they were unable to get supplies at the higher figures offered. During the latter part of the week demand fell off somewhat but was still in excess of the supplies available, shipments being rather light. Today (Saturday 27th) there is a fairly good demand and a steady market at unchanged prices of \$1.05-1.10. Quality in most cases is running around 85% U.S. #1, with a few cars making U.S. #1. There is an occasional car going less than 85%.

Demand for Lettuce during the first part of the week was rather slow and 6s were selling around \$1.15-1.25. 5s around \$1.75-1.90. Later in the week, when the Salinas District discontinued loading 6s, the market on this size became stronger and held around \$1.50-1.60, 5s being quoted at \$2.00-\$2.25. There is a wide range in quality which is reflected in prices.

There appears to be little demand for Peas and no sales were reported during the week. (Thos. C. Sublett, Jr.)



**4b. LOUISIANA STRAWBERRIES FINE QUALITY**

Strawberry prices on the Hammond Carlot Auctions advanced sharply Friday night to \$2.90 per 24 pint crate; this was a 65 cent advance over the previous night. On the corresponding night a year ago the auctions averaged \$1.70 per crate; two years ago, \$1.11 per crate; and, three years ago \$1.49 per crate.

Louisiana shipments were heavy the fore part of the week. On Monday, April 30, shipments totaled 138 cars which is the heaviest single day's shipment this season. Shipments the latter part of the week were lighter. Cool, rainy weather slowed up the ripening of the fruit. Shippers and growers expect a continued light movement until about May 3, when the movement is expected to increase and continue heavy for ten days to two weeks.

Movement by motor truck has been increasing during the past few days; shipments through April 25, totaled 73 cars which amounts to about 5% of the total carlot movement.

One of the principal contributing factors to the recent strength of the local market has been the unusually fine quality of the berries. Shippers are receiving very favorable reports from their terminal connections concerning the quality. (J.C.Keller, 4/27/40)

**5b. TEXAS ONIONS**

The South Texas onion deal got under way with the first carlot shipments moving on April 14.

With the indicated production of the South Texas onion crop being 41 percent under that of last year, the demand in the Laredo district has been active. Very few cars have moved from other districts, with the shipments to date (through April 28) being Laredo 406, Raymondville 27, Coastal Bend 91, Winter Garden 108, total 632 cars, compared to a total of 2361 through April 28, 1939.

Buyers are largely concentrated in the Laredo section, due to the light movement to date from other districts.

Cloudy weather last week, combined with a tendency on the part of shippers to delay harvesting their crop for tonnage and in anticipation of a continued good price, kept shipments rather light. The price advanced from \$1.50-1.60 for carloads of 50-lb. sacks, Yellow Bermudas, US Commercials, 75% or more US#1 quality, cash track basis, on Monday April 22, to mostly \$1.70-1.75 today.

There are about 150 acres of the variety Babosa (a type of Sweet Spanish) in this section. Harvesting of this acreage is just starting, with many estimating the yield at a car or more per acre. (Paul A.Nicholson-4/29/40)

Division Letter, May 3, 1940

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<u>Stations</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Will Close</u>
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Crystal City, Texas	867	A.K. Bredin	Onions	April 29	May 25
Crystal Springs, Miss.	809	R.G.Risser	Cabbage & misc. veggies.	May 2 " 2	June " 21 " 21
Hammond, La. Post Office Bldg. Box 1050	802	J.C.Keller	Strawberries	April 1	May 18
*Hastings, Fla.	851	T.R.Butts	Potatoes	April 23	May 22
*Lakeland, Florida P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct. 3	May 25
Laredo, Texas Hamilton Hotel	801	P.A.Nicholson	Onions	April 10	May 25
Mobile, Alabama	924	Aaron Stambaugh	Potatoes Cucumbers	May 6 " 13	June " 6
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	A.L. Thomas	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 5 " 5 " 7 " 5 " 25 " 5 " 5 " 7 Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Dec. 26 Oct. 21 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6
*Sanford, Fla. Farmers' State Market	910	J.A.Hunter	Celery	Jan. 8	June 8
*Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 16 Nov. 6	March 31 May 29

## THE FOLLOWING STATIONS CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E.Keller	Apples Onions Potatoes	Nov. 3 " 3 " 3	Jan. 13 March 30 April 30
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*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	May 3
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## THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Charleston, S.C. c/o Chamber of Commerce	858-R	O.G.Strauss	Potatoes	May 15	June 8
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*Pocomoke City, Md.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May 13 June 10	June 4 July 19
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\*State cooperating

R.E. Keller - on leave

**-STANDARDIZATION SERVICE-**

1c. REVISED U.S. STANDARDS FOR POTATOES

The U.S. Standards for Potatoes are being revised, effective May 15. Copies will be sent all inspectors as soon as possible.

The introduction is changed to liberalize the tolerances as applied to individual packages. The definition of "Unclassified" is also changed to conform to the definition as used in standards issued recently for other commodities. There are no other changes in the standards for potatoes. The following is the new wording of the introduction:

"Numbers and letters in parentheses following grade terms indicate where such terms are defined under Definitions of Terms.

"All percentages shall be calculated on the basis of weight.

"The tolerances for the standards are on a container basis. However, if the averages for the entire lot, based on sample inspection, are within the tolerances specified in the standards, the contents of individual packages in the lot may vary from the specified tolerances subject to the following limitations:

For Packages Containing Over 15 Specimens

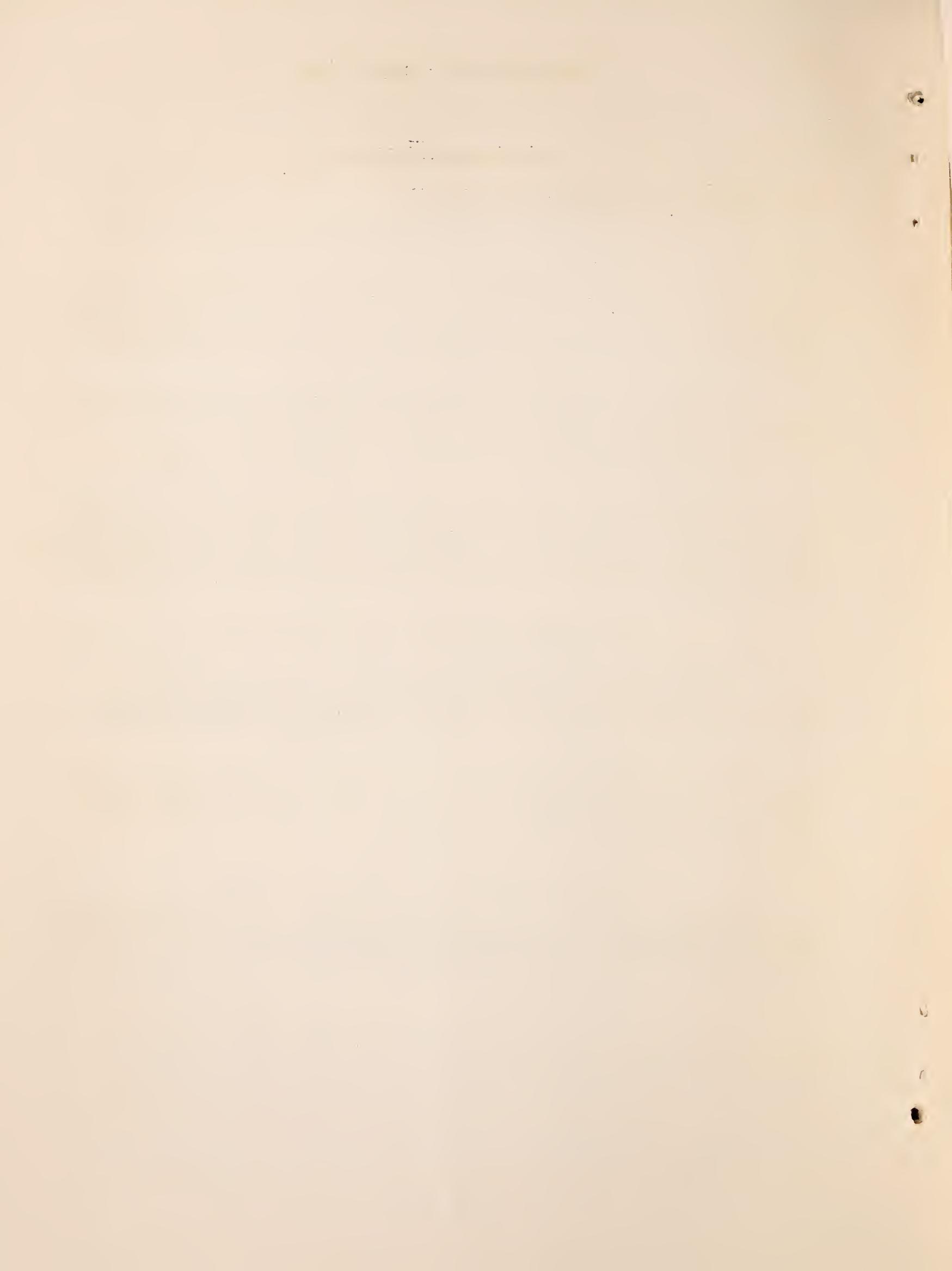
"When the tolerance specified is 10 percent or more, not over one-tenth of the individual packages in the lot may contain more than one and one-half times the tolerance, but no package may contain more than four times the tolerance for soft rot or wet breakdown.

"When the tolerance specified is less than 10 percent, not over one-tenth of the individual packages in any lot may contain more than double the tolerance specified, but no package may contain more than four times the tolerance for soft rot or wet breakdown.

For Packages Containing 15 Specimens or Less

"Not over one-tenth of the individual packages in any lot may contain more than double any tolerance specified, except that at least one defective specimen shall be permitted in a package."

R.R. Pailthorp



**-INSPECTION SERVICE-****1f. METHOD OF HANDLING SOFT ROT IN POTATO INSPECTIONS**

A change in the method of reporting Soft Rot and wet or spotted containers of potatoes will be made effective May 15, 1940.

The principal change will be in the use of percentages instead of general terms to indicate the proportion of samples that show various amounts of soft rot and spotted bags. Instead of saying "most samples show 1 to 2% soft rot, many none, a few 5 to 15%" it will be shown "60% of samples show 1 to 2%, 30% show no soft rot, 10% show 5 to 15%." Under this system, it will be necessary to examine ten samples or multiples of ten, unless no soft rot or wet containers are reported.

It is also desired that the certificates show the percentage of samples that meet the grade requirements, the percentage that fall below grade, and percentage free from decay. In order to do this the description will have to be divided into two or more classes as follows:

**I. When no sample shows over 4% soft rot show:**

- (a) Percentage showing no decay.
- (b) Percentage showing 1 to 2%
- (c) Percentage showing decay (with range) and the average.

**II. When any sample shows more than 4% (remember entire contents must be examined when over 2%).**

- (a) Percentage showing no decay.
- (b) Percentage showing 1 to 4%.
- (c) Percentage showing over 4% (with range and average)

In case the lot is definitely below grade on a delivered basis because of either the average or a large percentage (30% or more) of samples that exceed 2% decay, it is not necessary to show both (b) and (c) but the samples can be grouped that show more than 2% soft rot.

**Examples:**

1. 60% of samples show no soft rot, 30% show 1 to 2% soft rot, 10% show 3%, average 1%.

2. 40% of samples show no soft rot, 40% show 1 to 2%; 20% show 5 to 10%. Average is 2%.

3. 20% of samples show no soft rot; 50% show 1 to 2%, 30% show 4 to 30%. Average is approximately 6%.

4. 40% of samples show 1 to 2% soft rot; 50% show 3 to 15%, 10% of samples show 50% soft rot; average is approximately 10%.

5. 10% of samples show no soft rot; 20% show 1 to 2%; 50% show 3 to 15%; 20% show 35 to 50% soft rot. Average is approximately 15%.

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Percentage Wet Spotted Containers.

It will not be the policy to show the percentage of wet spotted sacks, etc., unless the shipment is made completely accessible or partially or completely unloaded so that a large enough number of packages from the different layers can be seen to form an opinion as to the correct percentage for the entire lot. It would be unfair to base this on the top layer containers and a few that are samples from lower layers in restricted inspections. Under such conditions general terms should be used. In determining the percentage of spotted containers, at least 40 or 50 bags should be examined, and it will not be permissible to base this on the samples examined for decay alone.

Things to be Remembered

1. When the percentage of spotted or wet containers can be shown, this factor should be determined first and the samples selected for scoring for decay should be in direct proportion to the percentage of spotted bags.

2. The samples to be examined should be designated by the inspector and not selected by the applicant or a helper furnished by him. Selection of representative samples is often as important as proper scoring of them and it is the duty of every inspector to see that his results are not influenced by scoring samples that have been "planted" or "fixed" for him.

3. It is necessary to examine entire contents of sample packages, or a large enough portion to determine if the entire package should be examined when percentage of soft rot exceeds 2½ in the first 25-lb. sample.

4. The word "sample" instead of bag, crate or barrel, must be used in reporting the percentage of decay because all are sample packages.

5. This policy will apply to all potato certificates, both for grade and condition, but it will not apply to grade defects, dry or moist type rot or other condition factors.

6. In order to correctly determine the average, the percentage of decay should be figured for each sample, these various percentages totaled and divided by the number of samples. It is inaccurate to add the pounds examined and those scored for decay, and determine the average by dividing if some samples consist of only 25 lbs. and others of 50 or 100 lbs. In such a case the larger samples would affect the results more than the smaller ones.

2f. NUMBERS FOR INSPECTION OFFICES.

Par. 179, Part I of the Receiving Point Inspection Handbook, gives instructions as to the marking of cars which have been inspected in the terminal markets. Please insert the two following cities opposite the numbers indicated: Trenton 41      Tulsa 49.

3f. CITRUS INSPECTION

For the benefit of those who may desire to bind the article on "Inspection of Citrus for Tree-freezing and Dryness" (pages 65-66, D.L. dated 4/19/40) with other material on citrus inspections, an additional copy is being sent to each inspector. The same information will appear as "Supplement No. 1" to the Citrus Handbook which is expected to be out within the next ten days. This will make it possible for those who may desire to "clip" the article on "Internal Browning of Potatoes" to do so without losing the special article on citrus inspection.

4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T. W. Ayres, American Legion Hall, Foley, Alabama.

For Mississippi reports wire L.W. Brewer, Crystal Springs, Miss.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For South Carolina reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Chamber of Commerce, Charleston, S.C. (will open May 13)

For Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tenn. (will open about May 10)

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

5f. PLEASE DEDUCT FROM LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Chas. F. Warren,	Wynne, Arkansas	\$2.50
Watkins Produce Co.	Thomasville, Ga.	2.50

6f. SCHEDULING PRODUCE AGENCY FEES

The following quotes item 1f which appeared in the Division Letter dated December 1, 1939. These instructions are repeated for emphasis:

"The General Accounting Office has advised us that it will be preferable to list Produce Agency inspection fees on schedules with regular fees. Produce Agency fees should be grouped together after the regular fees and, like the regular inspection fees, should be credited to 124310 Misc. Rev. Reimb. etc. and the purpose should be stated as, 'fees for P.A.A. Inspection.' The inspections should be reported under 'Remarks' on the monthly report and the fees listed in one of the blank spaces under 'Fees Assessed' on the monthly report. One copy of each certificate with the fee slip attached should be kept in a separate file so that the records covering this work will not be confused with those covering regular inspections under the Farm Products Inspection Act.

"This supersedes paragraph 224 on Page 52 of the Receiving Point Handbook Part 1."

7f. INCLUDE PRODUCE AGENCY INSPECTIONS ON F.P.I. 11a

The following quotes item 5f which appeared in the Division Letter dated February 23, 1940. Please comply with these instructions in submitting Form F.P.I. 11a:

"The quantity of produce on which dumping certificates are issued under the provisions of the Produce Agency Act should be included under the proper commodity heading on F.P.I. 11a, Commodity Inspections. Most inspections of this kind are L.C.L. quantities and so the total number of containers should be shown in the L.C.L. column."

8f. The following interesting letter, dated April 29, was written by L.W.Brewer, who is supervising shipping point inspection work in Mississippi:

"I arrived in Crystal Springs on April 20 and found that the vegetable growing districts of the State, as well as most other vegetable growing areas in southern States, had experienced a damaging and killing frost. This frost killed practically all snap beans and fresh tomato acreages planted in the State of Mississippi, requiring that where seed or plants were available, practically 90% of former acreages of the two commodities had to be replanted.

"Fresh pea shipments which, under normal conditions, would have started around the 20th to 25th of April have been delayed to such an extent that we have had no lot movements and very few truck shipments. Practically all of the peas harvested to date have had the pods so badly discolored with frost markings that the stock could not be graded and practically everything has been handled by local and near by markets.

"Fresh cabbage shipments are also greatly delayed and we are still waiting for the first carlot to move, but contemplate that within the next day or so a considerable carlot movement will start from the Crystal Springs and Hazlehurst Districts. Under a new State regulatory act, enacted by the Mississippi assembly during the late winter months, shipments, whether carlot or trucklot must comply with the U.S. grade regulation relative to solidity. This regulatory act will assist in eliminating the presence of soft, immature and poorly developed heads of cabbage on the northern and eastern terminal markets, which has been a very serious factor in the last few years in connection with the marketing of Mississippi-grown cabbage. I feel that with the application of this regulation by growers, as well as shippers, the quality will be far better than it has been in any previous year in the history of shipments of cabbage from the State.

"Late plantings of peas, as well as late blooms on fields damaged by the frost previously mentioned, promise to give several carlot shipments of quality peas within the next week or 10 days.

"At present the tomato crop in Mississippi does not look very promising due to the fact that, since the majority of the acreage had to be replanted, the plants are rather small due to backward growing conditions caused by unfavorable weather conditions. With a few days of sunshine and reasonable growing conditions, so the farmers can cultivate the soil, the tomato plants will start growing in a favorable manner. It now looks as though tomato shipments will not start previous to June 5 to 8, and probably will extend over practically the remainder of the month, and perhaps to July 4."

OFFICE NOTES

A training school to be conducted for a period of two weeks will be opened on May 6 in the Processed Foods Laboratory offices in Washington to school those in attendance in all phases of the work connected with the grading of processed fruits and vegetables. It is expected the following inspectors will attend: Earl Fiddick, G.A. Bidleman, Louie Bryant, George B. Crisp, J.J. Gardner, L.R. Gibson, Herbert Graff, Walter Kingsbury, Chas. E. Partridge, S.F. Shreve, H.S. Slamp and F. S. Zimmerman.

E. E. Conklin left the Chicago inspection office on April 28 for a period of about six weeks during which he will visit the States of California, Oregon, Washington and Idaho for the purpose of making a study of grade interpretations incident to proposed changes in the U.S. Standards for Fresh Pears.

The New York City inspection office has again been called upon to assign an inspector to the Marine Detachment, New York World's Fair, Camp George Washington, New York City, for the purpose of inspecting fresh vegetables supplied by contractors for consumption of the Detachment which consists of about 200 Marines and 200 Navy men stationed at the Fair Grounds.

The Processed Foods section of the Division is cooperating with the Food and Drug Administration in developing standards for certain canned vegetables under the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act. H.S. Slamp, of the Philadelphia office, is making periodic trips between Philadelphia and Washington for the purpose of assisting in this work.

Wm. G. Neal attended a meeting of the Melon Distributors Association at Cincinnati, Ohio on April 26.

J.W. Park will leave Washington about May 8 to investigate the possibilities of obtaining reports of motor truck shipments and to study reporting methods now being used in certain States. He will visit most of the southern States from North Carolina to Texas.

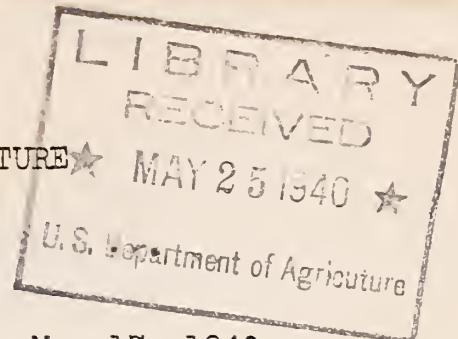
F.W. Luffman will be in charge of the inspection work at Jacksonville, Florida, during the period May 20-June 15 while J. L. Ebert is on leave.

W.C. Hackleman spent May 1 and 2 in Boston conferring with representatives of the Service at that City.

Herbert Graff has returned to duty in the Washington office after having relieved S. F. Shreve, of the Baltimore inspection office, who has been absent for the past several weeks due to illness.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. OFFICIAL TRAVEL MUST BE APPROVED IN ADVANCE

In connection with official travel, the traveler should be certain that his Letter of Authorization, when received, covers the contemplated travel in every respect. This means that the Letter of Authorization should include all territory to be covered by the traveler; also, the date of travel as shown at the top of the L.A. must not be subsequent to the date travel actually began, nor is it now permissible for travel to be performed, without specific approval, for longer than 2 days beyond the concluding date shown in the body of the L.A.

Inasmuch as all letters of Authorization must be approved in advance of travel it becomes necessary, if we are to prevent a loss of travel expense to the traveler concerned, that all possible precaution be taken to avoid unauthorized travel.

2a. REVISED ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE REGULATIONS

A copy of an Executive Order dated March 29, 1940, prescribing new annual and sick leave regulations for Government employees accompanies this D.L. for each office.

In the new regulations, Sundays, holidays and non-work days are excluded in computing sick leave of all employees. Only 4 hours are charged as sick leave for absence all day on Saturday, on account of sickness. The minimum charge for Saturday is one-half of a regular work day, or in other words, the minimum charge for 7-hour employees for absence on Saturday is 3 1/2 hours for absence of 3 1/2 hours or less. For 8-hour employees, the charge for any absence on sick leave on Saturday is 4 hours.

3a. WASHINGTON OFFICE ON SUMMER HOUR SCHEDULE

The following hours - 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, and 8:30 a.m., to 12:30 p.m., on Saturday, became effective May 15 for employees in the Washington office. These hours will prevail through September 30.

4a. NEW PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING DECLARATIONS OF APPOINTEES

A comprehensive statement on the above subject appears in The A.M.S. News dated May 15. A small supply of the new form (temporary) is being distributed to our Divisional offices with this issue of the D.L.

5a. TRADE TERMS AND DEFINITIONS UNDER THE P.A.C. ACT

"Trade Terms and Definitions under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act" is the title of a comprehensive six-page mimeographed circular recently published. No general distribution of this circular has been made but copies are available to members of the trade, or other interested persons, upon request addressed to H. A. Spilman.



1b. CHANGE ON THE F (SHIPMENT AND RECEIPTS, CONTINUED) page of the code  
Effective May 25

On the F (SHIPMENT AND RECEIPTS, CONTINUED) page of the code change the meaning of

FOP Charlestown, W. Va. to read

FOP Charleston, W. Va.

2b. MIMEOGRAPH PAPER

It is requested that offices again check over their supply of mimeograph paper and forward at once to the Washington office requisitions for such amounts as can be stored without incurring additional storage charges. Immediate requisitions are desirable in view of the delay in delivery which is apt to be encountered after July 1.

3b. MISSISSIPPI CABBAGE

The movement of the Mississippi cabbage crop of 1940 is fairly well under way in spite of the lateness of the season. Approximately one-fourth of the shipments to date have been going to markets on trucks, many of the truck loadings being made in bulk with minimum requirements of ice.

The quality of the early cuttings has not been up to the usual standard, as there have been many poorly formed heads, which were caused by adverse growing conditions. Compulsory inspection and the 1940 requirements that all lots shall meet the U.S. No. 1 grade specifications as to solidity have proved beneficial. These measures have been effective in the elimination of many soft heads from this season's shipments. They will be in force for the entire shipping season.

A few green beans have been picked, but most of the crop is quite late. Carlot shipments of Mississippi peas have been very light. Most of them have gone to market in mixed cars and in trucks.

Warmer weather is needed to promote more rapid development of the tomato crop. The late start has been followed by continued cool weather.  
(Ralph G. Risser, 5/14/40)

B.C. Boree

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1c. A CORRECTION IN THE U.S. STANDARDS FOR POTATOES EFFECTIVE MAY 15, 1940

In mimeographing recent copies of the revised U.S. Standards for potatoes, the term "growth cracks" was left out as one of the defects of U.S. No. 1 grade in copies recently sent all inspectors. Inspectors should insert this term between "second growth" and "air cracks."

R.R. Pailthorp



TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

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R.E.Keller - on leave

P.A.Nicholson - on leave

J.A.Hunter - N.Y.C. Office



**-INSPECTION SERVICE-**

**1f. "SCALD" OF POTATOES**

Potatoes upon arrival in the markets in many instances show dark discolored areas that may be sticky, which latter condition may disappear after the individual tubers are exposed to the warm dry air of an office. This condition has generally been called "scald." Recent observations indicate that it may be caused by immaturity and mechanical injury combined with a drying out and for this reason should not be called "scald." Heat may probably contribute to its development by hastening the drying out. However, there is reasonable doubt as to the causes of these sticky, bruised areas and inspectors should describe this condition as follows: "Many potatoes show sunken, discolored areas, many of which are sticky." The term "scald" should not be used to describe this condition.

**2f. COMPULSORY INSPECTION OF IRISH POTATOES IN ALABAMA**

The Alabama Commissioner of Agriculture issued an order effective May 6, 1940, declaring "all Irish potatoes moved in the State of Alabama either by rail, truck, or trailer, shall be inspected by a duly licensed Federal-State inspector, and a certificate issued showing the proper grade thereof." This order also stated that "No transportation company or individual shall accept for transportation Irish potatoes which have not been duly inspected according to this Regulation."

Under this regulation all cars of Alabama potatoes moving into the markets this season will have been inspected.

**3f. CANADIAN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS**

Copies of a shipping point circular entitled "Canadian Import Requirements" have been mailed to all shipping point supervisors. A copy should be given to each field office and to inspectors working alone. Additional copies may be obtained upon request to the Washington office.

**4f. CABBAGE CONTROL REGULATION IN MISSISSIPPI**

Under the provision of House Bill 425 of the Mississippi Legislature, 1940 regular session and an administrative committee set-up thereunder, the Commissioner of Agriculture has issued a regulation that all cabbage sold or offered for sale, transported either by railway or motortruck, shall meet the standard requirement for U.S. No. 1 grade as to solidity and shall be accompanied by a Federal-State inspection certificate stating that the same does meet the U.S. No. 1 grade requirement as to solidity.

**5f. USE OF THE TERM "NET WEIGHT WHEN PACKED"**

The Food and Drugs Act requires that food in package form shall bear a statement of the quantity of the contents at the time it is offered for interstate shipment or otherwise comes within the jurisdiction of the act. Because of variations in weight which may occur before shipment, a statement of "net weight when packed" is not necessarily a statement of the net weight when offered for shipment. Allowance should be made in packing products which are liable to change in weight, so that the declaration of net weight will be true at the time the article becomes subject to the operation of the law.

Shippers and growers should be advised that either of the following statements are acceptable; "Net weight \_\_\_\_\_ pounds," or "\_\_\_\_\_ pounds Net weight."



6f. INSPECTION OF CANNERY TOMATOES AND OTHER PRODUCTS - 1939

The inspection of raw tomatoes was carried on in 12 States. The total tonnage is shown in the table below. Various other commodities as shown in this table were inspected for cannery or preserving purposes.

TOMATOES

<u>State</u>	Total Volume <u>Tons</u>	Percentage U.S.No.1	Percentage U.S.No.2	Percentage Culls
California	8688.9	65%	27%	8%
Colorado	6653.9	68	25	7
*Delaware	5114.8			
Illinois	29341.5	55	43	2
Indiana	34814.3	57	40	3
Maryland	13091.0	51	42	7
Michigan	21518.4	54	42	4
New Jersey	176576.0	65	32	3
*New York	123447.0	65	34	1
Ohio	144906.5	59	36	5
Utah	61821.8	63	33	4
Virginia	20914.8	45	43	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>646888.9</b>			

\* Delaware (3611.0 tons of above total show 94% USNo.1 & 2 combined, 6% culls.  
 divided (1209.0 "  
 as ( 294.8 "  
 follows  
 \* New York 937.2 " " " " 95% USNo.1 & 2 combined, 5% culls.

<u>California</u>	Total volume	<u>Oregon</u>	Total volume
	<u>Tons</u>		<u>Tons</u>
Pears	90192.0	Apricots	679.0
<u>Michigan</u>		Cherries	2111.6
Apples	276.0	Prunes	2294.7
Cherries (sour)	10165.3	Strawberries	1298.6
Grapes	486.7	Total	6383.9
Raspberries	1.2		
Total	10929.2	<u>Wisconsin</u>	
		Spinach	193.5
<u>New York</u>			
Apples (Evaporating)	7918.8	<u>New York (Continued)</u>	
" (Packed)	1300.0	Cherries	17059.4
" (cannery)	20742.0	Grapes (Juice)	25219.9
Beets	38.3	Peaches	230.5
Carrots	33.8	Pears	1349.9
		Spinach	2755.7
		Total	76648.3

GRAND TOTAL - 831,235.8

7f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION  
For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, American Legion Hall, Foley,  
Alabama.  
For Arkansas reports wire Labe Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas.  
For Mississippi reports wire L.W. Brewer, Crystal Springs, Miss.  
For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska.  
For Oklahoma reports wire Oklahoma State Market Commission,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.  
For South Carolina reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Chamber of Commerce, Charleston, S.C. (until  
June 8)  
For Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Humboldt, Tenn.

Robt. Bier

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6a. COMPENSATORY LEAVE FOR SATURDAY OVERTIME  
Attention is called to an item appearing in The A.M.S. News of  
May 15 on the above subject.

Under a recent ruling of the Comptroller General, an employee  
desiring to take compensatory leave (leave earned by Saturday afternoon  
overtime work) and annual leave on the same day may now do so if he has  
not accumulated compensatory leave as the result of having worked over-  
time on more than one Saturday. Compensatory leave accumulated (as a  
result of having worked on more than one Saturday afternoon) can not be  
combined with annual leave in order to make a full day's leave.

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

April 1, 1940.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING APRIL, 1940.

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Alabama	84	North Carolina	5
Arizona	1419	North Dakota	1264*
Arkansas	36	Ohio	25
California	4947½	Oklahoma	18
Colorado	555	Oregon	1325½
Florida	8029	Pennsylvania	60½
Idaho	2316½	South Carolina	117
Louisiana	2119	Texas	3034
Maine	2796	Utah	113**
Michigan	1643	West Virginia	18
Minnesota	1322	Wisconsin	396
Mississippi	10	Wyoming	20½
Nebraska	135½	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>32,422 3/4</u>
New York	613 3/4		

\* Includes 9 March cars. \*\*There were 375 trucklots aggregating 5,238,030 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.  
 The following reports not yet received - Maryland, Montana, Virginia, and Washington.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above: California 284, Florida 137, West Virginia 17.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING APRIL, 1940.

<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>
	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Albany	19	3	Minneapolis	16
Atlanta	17	27	Newark	27
Baltimore	67	34	New Haven	20
Boston	182	162	New Orleans	82
Buffalo	125	39	New York	515
Charleston	7	-	Norfolk	11
Chicago	187	150	Oklahoma City	8
Cincinnati	33	16	Omaha	0
Cleveland	80	83	Philadelphia	100
Columbus	54	48	Pittsburgh	56
Denver	26	11	Portland	29
Detroit	360	41	Rochester	19
East Providence	15	15	St. Louis	45
Fort Worth	8	3	Salt Lake City	12
Harrisburg	1*	4	San Francisco	0
Hartford	65	56	Seattle	5
Houston	154	624	Tampa	0
Indianapolis	5	7	Trenton	26
Jacksonville	20	13	Washington, D.C.	8
Kansas City	63	96	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>2507</u>
Los Angeles	5	5		<u>2853</u>
Memphis	7	14	Total fees assessed for	Total last year
Miami	5	14	April, 1940-\$9,489.67	\$11,588.44
Milwaukee	23	20	* Compiled from certificates in file.	
			1638 cars inspected for Western Perishable	
			Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City.	

OFFICE NOTES:

Wm. G. Meal attended a meeting of the National League of Wholesale Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Distributors at Baltimore, Maryland, on May 15. He participated in a discussion of promotional activities in connection with the handling of fresh fruits and vegetables in the Baltimore marketing district.

V.H. Nicholson, Assistant Marketing Specialist, has tendered his resignation, effective May 20. He has been in the News Service since June, 1928, and is resigning in order to continue graduate work in the marketing of fruits and vegetables at Cornell University, where he has been since last fall. Our best wishes go with him.

B.C.Boree, who has been traveling in several of the southern States since May 7 in the interest of the market news work, is expected to return to his desk on May 18.

W.L. Evans is making investigations under the P.A.C.Act in the States of Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Ohio, Michigan, Mo., W.Va., and Pa.

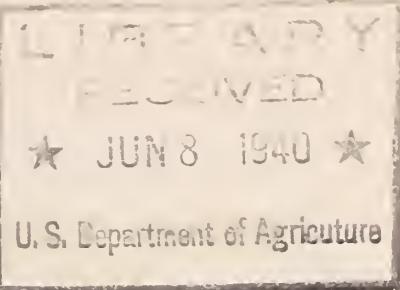
L.C.Carey is expected to leave Washington within the next few days to make investigations under the Standard Container Acts in the States of Ind., Ill., Wis., Ohio, Pa., Mich. and New York.

Effective about June 15, or soon thereafter, R.M. Ferguson's permanent headquarters will be transferred to the Kansas City inspection office. The Omaha office, which has been closed for the summer, will not be reopened in the fall.

The Miami inspection office will be closed during the period May 15-September 1. F.W. Luffman, during the period May 20-June 15, will relieve J.L. Ebert, of the Jacksonville office, while the latter is on leave. Meanwhile, mail intended for Mr. Luffman should be directed to him at 204 St. James Building, Jacksonville, Fla.



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-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. IMPERIAL VALLEY MELONS MEET ADVERSITIES

Everything seems to have happened to the melon deal this year. First, there was the necessity of trying out new strains of seed to substitute for the famous "Resistant 45" which succumbed to the attack of a new type of mildew last year. Second, an unusually warm winter brought the early crop on before the arrival of "melon weather" in the eastern markets. Then mildew again attacked the crop and production and eating quality were affected seriously. Finally, last Saturday night severe earthquakes shook the Valley and while the quakes themselves did no direct damage to the melons, they caused numerous breaks in the irrigation canals and for a time it appeared that a considerable acreage in one part of the Valley might be without water for so long that the crop would be seriously damaged or possibly lost. This acreage is that west of the gorge of the New River, where almost a quarter of a mile of flume collapsed. Permission to cut into the new All-American canal, which has been completed in that section but not yet placed in service, was granted and this enabled the engineers to by-pass this break. Equipment from all over Southern California was pressed into service to repair breaks in the levees, one of which was said to have been 1,500 feet long, and within less than six days water for irrigation was available in about a third of the entire Valley. By tomorrow, less than nine days after the breaks occurred, water is expected to be available over the entire district.

Some fields which were due for irrigation just after the breaks occurred have probably suffered to some extent from lack of water, but on the whole there would appear to be no extensive damage. Many growers took advantage of the water which was still flowing in the lower ends of the canals last Sunday to turn in as much as possible and this helped to save some crops from damage. The moderate temperatures also were a benefit, the maximum daily temperatures ranging from 93° at the first of the week to 103° at the close.

IMPERIAL VALLEY MELONS MEET ADVERSITIES (cont'd)

Yields and eating quality have been very disappointing all season. The "D-2" strain has far outyielded everything else, averaging about 110-115 crates per acre, while others will do well to average 50 crates. The peak of the early season was 84 cars, compared with 200 cars on the peak day last year, when the acreage was about one-third heavier. A few growers have started picking on their late fields and by the middle of the coming week others should be getting started. The peak of the late crop is expected to occur around June 5-15 and there will be very few cantaloups left by June 25.

In spite of the exceptionally light movement, demand from the eastern markets has been rather disappointing. Movement in the terminals and small markets has been slow and it is generally agreed that the poor eating quality of the melons has been responsible. Some growers and shippers think that the late melons will be better, but it is too early to tell as yet.

Offerings of honeyballs and honeydews are gradually increasing. Some mildew has shown up in both of these types of melons, although it has not been as bad as in the cantaloups. Just when the peak movement will occur is impossible to tell at the present time, but the season will probably continue until early July.

Watermelon shipments are also increasing. The market had been holding firm for several days at \$35.00 per ton, but weakened to \$30.00 yesterday when an unexpectedly large number of cars were loaded.

The carrot season is about over. Shipments will probably average 10-15 daily most of this week and will be very light thereafter. A few cars may continue to move until around June 10.

First carlot shipments of cantaloups from the Yuma district of Arizona are expected tomorrow when one shipper starts. Two others expect to start the latter part of the week. Some mildew is showing up in the Yuma district but is not regarded as being as serious as in the Imperial Valley. No mildew has been observed in the Phoenix district, where first shipments are expected about June 15-20. A small acreage at Blythe, Calif., along the Colorado River and just north of the Imperial County line is expected to start about June 1.

Of considerable interest this year have been experiments with spray materials to control the mildew. Some success has been attained with a secret formula, in which one of the principal ingredients has been reported to be an extract of cactus, but it has not been well liked by some who claim that the spray material stains the melons and that the expense, running around \$10.00 per acre for material and application, is too high. One application is said to be sufficient to hold the vines during the picking season. Another would-be experiment received a set-back when equipment stored in a Brawley garage was damaged in the collapse of the building during the recent earthquakes. (A.M. McDowell, 5/26/40)

**2b. COLORADO IRRIGATION WATER BELOW NORMAL**

Homegrown Iceberg lettuce has been available on the Denver market this week but most offerings lacked solidity. The first iced packed lettuce from the Canon City District arrived May 23rd and brought \$3.75 per crate of 5-dozen heads.

Green peas from the Arkansas Valley are expected to begin moving early next week and should be well underway by June 1st.

Supplies of irrigation water are far below normal in all sections of Colorado this year. One shipper supplying the seed for his green pea acreage in the San Luis Valley, advises that water shortage prospects are so serious that only one-half of the carload of seed furnished were planted up to May 15th. However, rains have been general throughout the State the past two weeks and present soil conditions are very favorable. (Bryce Morris, 5/24/40)

**3b. MISSISSIPPI PRODUCTS**

In common with other Southern States, Mississippi has had a generally unfavorable growing season for vegetable crops. The adverse conditions this year have included severe freezes in January and April and some lack of rainfall, together with cool weather in May. The combination of such weather developments has resulted in later and smaller crops than usual.

Cabbage. During the past two years (1938 and 1939), shipments of straight cars of cabbage from Mississippi have been just short of 2500 per season. It now appears that the movement for 1940 will be considerably short of that figure, although there is some late stock yet to be moved. The truck movement has been maintained at approximately 25 percent of the total movement.

Growers who have received average or better than average yields and did not move too much of their crop during the mid-month period of low prices have had a generally profitable crop. Prices have been fairly satisfactory to producing interests except during the week of May 13-18. As a whole, markets have been higher than in 1938 or 1939. Nearly all shipments graded U.S. No. 1 until a few days ago, when the condition of outer leaves and considerable worm damage were the chief defects.

Snap Beans. Last season (1939) carlot shipments of Mississippi snap beans began moving May 9. While there have been scattering receipts of this product to date at leading shipping points, no full cars of beans have yet been loaded. Loadings in trucks and mixed cars have been light, but an increase in deliveries is expected. Light rains have been beneficial, but more rainfall is needed. Prices have been attractive to growers who have received more than \$2.00 per bushel hamper in several instances.

Tomatoes. This product is considered the leading cash crop in this district. Mississippi is usually one of the main shipping sections for the month of June. The loss of large numbers of field-set plants in the cold spell the middle of April and the slow growing-weather which has prevailed through May have dispelled all hopes of a peak movement the first half of June. First shipments will be late. The opening of packing houses for general shipments will be still later, and the peak may be the latest in a number of years. Maturity standards, which will be enforced, are intended to prevent the movement of immature stock. (Ralph G. Risser, 5/28/40)

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Probably</u>
	<u>List</u>	<u>Charge</u>			<u>Will Close</u>	
*Bradenton, Fla. P. O. Box 397	850	R.M.Peterson	Celery Tomatoes Cucumbers	May " " " "	6 June 6 " 6 6 " 6	6
*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	A.M.McDowell	Cantaloups Carrots	May " "	6 July 6 June	10 1
*Charleston, S.C. County Center Bldg.,	858-R	O.G.Strauss	Potatoes	May	20 June	8
Crystal Springs, Miss. P.O. Box 266	809	R.G.Risser	Cabbage & Misc. veggies.	May "	3 June 3 "	21 21
Macon, Ga.	835	R.E.Keller	Peaches	June	5 July	20
Mobile, Alabama 62 No. Commerce St.	924	Aaron Stambaugh	Potatoes Cucumbers	May "	7 June 16 "	6 6
*Pocomoke City, Md. Peninsula Bldg.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May June	16 June 10 July	4 19
<u>*Washington, N.C.</u>	<u>926</u>	<u>J.C.Keller</u>	<u>Potatoes</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>3 July</u>	<u>3</u>
THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED						
*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	J.B.Owens	Beans Tomatoes Peppers	April " " " 1	1 June " " " "	7 7 7
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct.	3 May	31
*Weslaco, Texas Post Office Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Potatoes Citrus Vegetables	April Oct. Nov.	8 May 16 May 6 June	8 6 8
THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED						
*Gainesville, Fla.	832	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June	20 June	29
*Leesburg, Fla.	912	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June	10 June	19
<u>Jacksonville, Texas</u>	<u>811</u>	<u>R.E.Winfrey</u>	<u>Tomatoes</u>	<u>June</u>	<u>10 July</u>	<u>6</u>
*State cooperating						

H.F.McFeely returns to Philadelphia

A.K.Bredin " Chicago

T.R.Butts " Cleveland

J.A.Hunter detailed to New York City

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. "SCALD" OF POTATOES

In further reference to article 1f in the Division Letter of May 17, attention of all inspectors is called to the fact that discoloration of the kind referred to is of two kinds which sometimes shade into each other: first, the general discoloration, usually light brown in color, affecting most or all of the surface of the potatoes, especially where the skin has been lost in the course of digging, washing, grading, etc.; and, second localized areas of varying sizes which are rather sharply sunken in comparison with the normal adjacent surface. These sunken areas are often somewhat sticky. The first of these types of discoloration should be described somewhat as follows: "Most potatoes show slight to severe discoloration affecting 1/3 or more of the surface, generally following skinning." The second of these types should be described: "10% to 20% (or use general terms) of potatoes show slightly discolored sunken areas which in some cases are sticky." If mold growth accompanies this latter type of discoloration it should be mentioned also.

2f. U. S. STANDARDS FOR SWEET CHERRIES, FOR EXPORT FOR SULPHUR BRINING  
(Effective May 28, 1940)

Since issuance of the last Division Letter, there has been mailed to inspection offices, for the use of each inspector, copies of U. S. Standards for Sweet Cherries, For Export For Sulphur Brining (Effective May 28, 1940).

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T. W. Ayres, American Legion Hall, Foley, Ala.

For Georgia reports wire H. M. Riley, Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Macon, Ga.

For Mississippi reports wire L. W. Brewer, Crystal Springs, Miss.

For Missouri strawberry reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Monett, Mo.

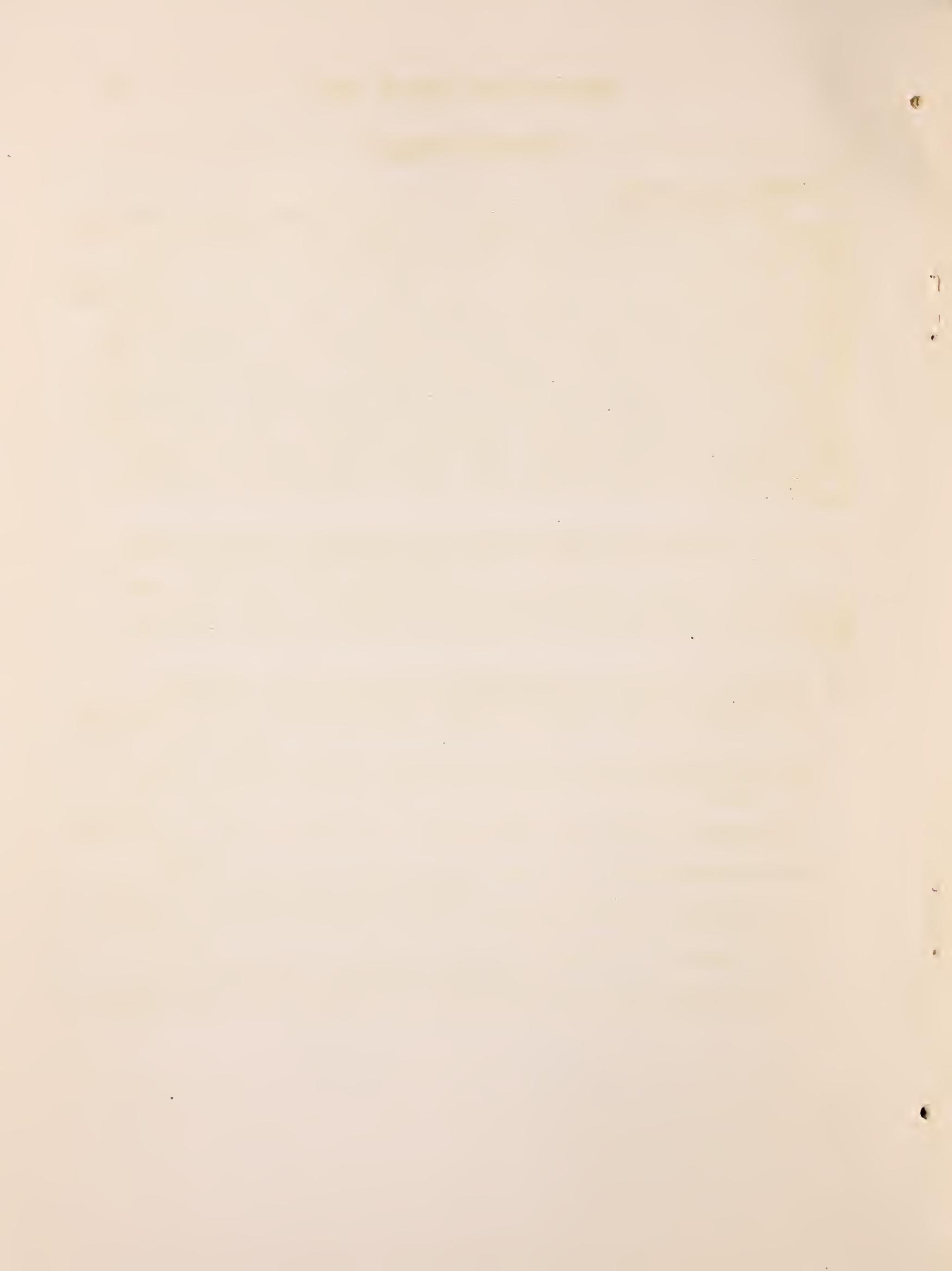
For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.

For South Carolina reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Chamber of Commerce, Charleston, S.C.

For Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt,  
Tenn.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For Virginia reports other than apples wire Robert Bier, Cape Charles,  
Va.



4f. FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVE TO CERTIFICATION OF SOFT ROT IN POTATO INSPECTIONS

The third paragraph of article 1f of the Division Letter of May 3, 1940 was intended to apply only to the condition factors of the grade requirements. No attempt should be made to certify the percentage of sacks which meet all of the requirements of the grade in question.

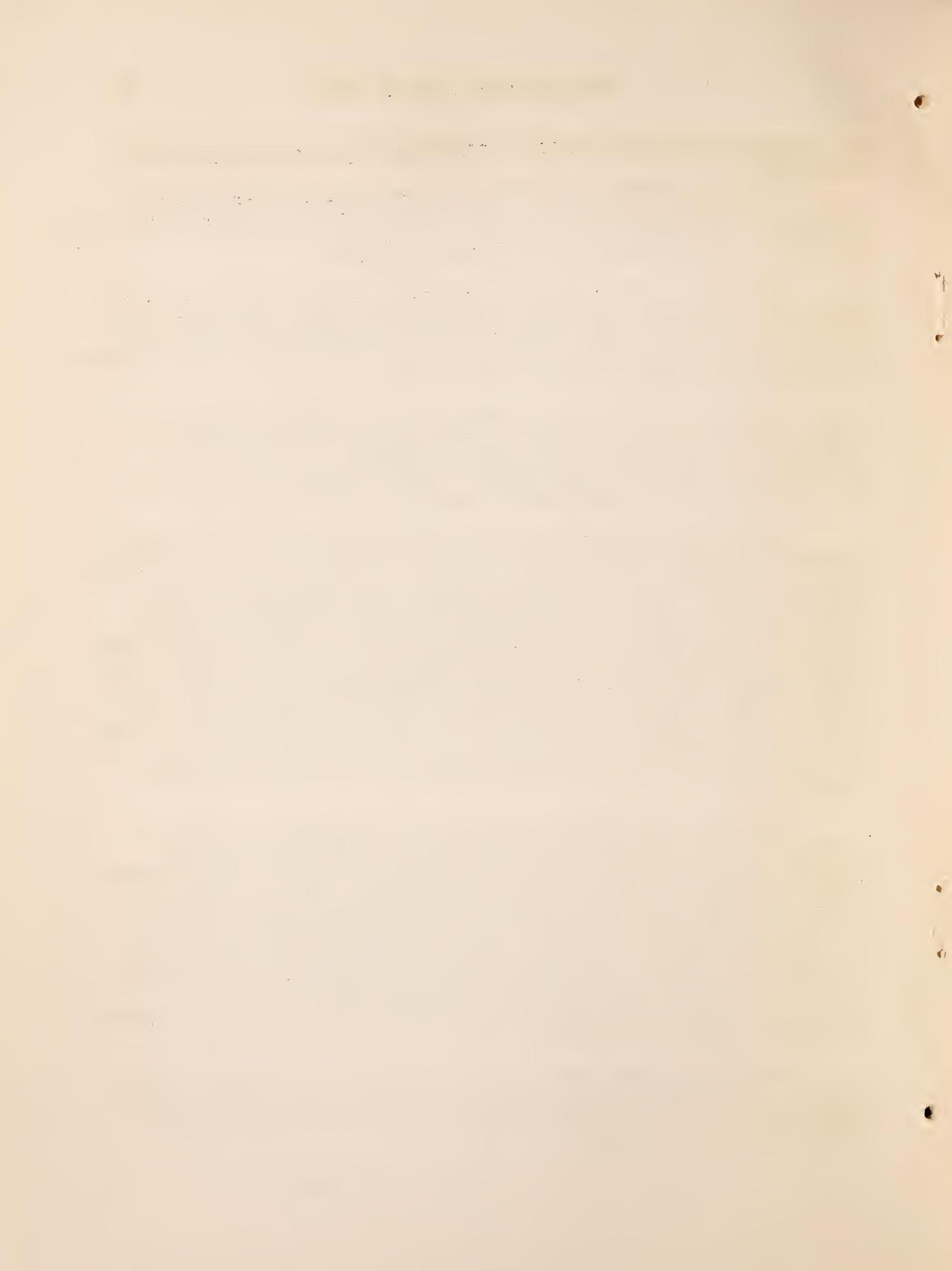
Under (b) of both I and II the words "less than" should be inserted before "1." This will take care of many cases in which only a fraction of 1% of decay is found. Such containers should be included in these groups because they are frequently spotted and so are objectionable to the receiver, even though the amount of decay is quite small.

When a car contains 2 or 3 different lots, divided according to brand, grade, or size, it will not be practicable to take 10 samples or multiples of 10 from each lot; and when the number of containers in a lot is small, a proportionately smaller number of samples is sufficient. The following policy is suggested for sampling a car of this kind:

First, when there are two lots of potatoes in one car that require separate statements for soft rot, 10 samples should be taken from the larger one if it constitutes two-thirds or more of the shipment, and 5 samples from the smaller. If there are approximately equal quantities of each, then 5 samples of each lot will ordinarily suffice. Second, with three or more lots requiring separate decay statements, 5 samples should be taken from each lot if they are all of approximately equal size. Of course, when only 5 samples are taken the different conditions will be reported on the basis of 20% or multiples of 20. Example, when 2 of 5 samples show decay report - "40% of samples show 3% soft rot, etc." From lots which are small (less than 50 packages), take 2, 3, or 4 samples, as seems necessary. In that case fractions should be used to report the different conditions as regards decay.

When cars which contain spotted sacks are unloaded on a pier or railway terminal it is frequently the practice to stack the wet sacks separately from the others. Care must be taken to see that a proportionate number of samples of wet and dry bags are examined, but in reporting the decay no reference should be made as to the different amounts found in wet and dry containers. When wet bags are piled separately they should be counted and that fact reported on the certificate, but the car should be treated as a whole; otherwise it might be necessary to throw wet lots out of grade because more than 10% of the sacks showed in excess of double the tolerance, although the percentage of such sacks for the entire car would be definitely under 10.

The grade statement when a car is out of grade on account of decay should be made in the usual way, that is, show that the car "Now fails to grade account etc." No attempt should be made to show the percentage of sacks which are up to grade.



OFFICE NOTES

F.G. Robb spent a few days of the current week in Atlanta conferring with supervising inspectors, railroad officials and others relative to shipping point certification of watermelons for the carriers.

W.G. Meal will return to his desk on June 3 after conferring with representatives of the Service at Chicago, Cleveland and Lansing.

Traveling in the interest of the P.A.C.A. work, T.C.Curry is on an extensive field trip to the far western and south-western States.

A. M. McDowell, following the earthquakes reported in the Imperial Valley on May 18, sent the following wire to B.C. Boree from the Federal-State Market News Office at Brawley, California: "Entire office force safe. Office covered with fallen plaster but no apparent damage. Building considered safe and if no further damage will operate as usual Monday."

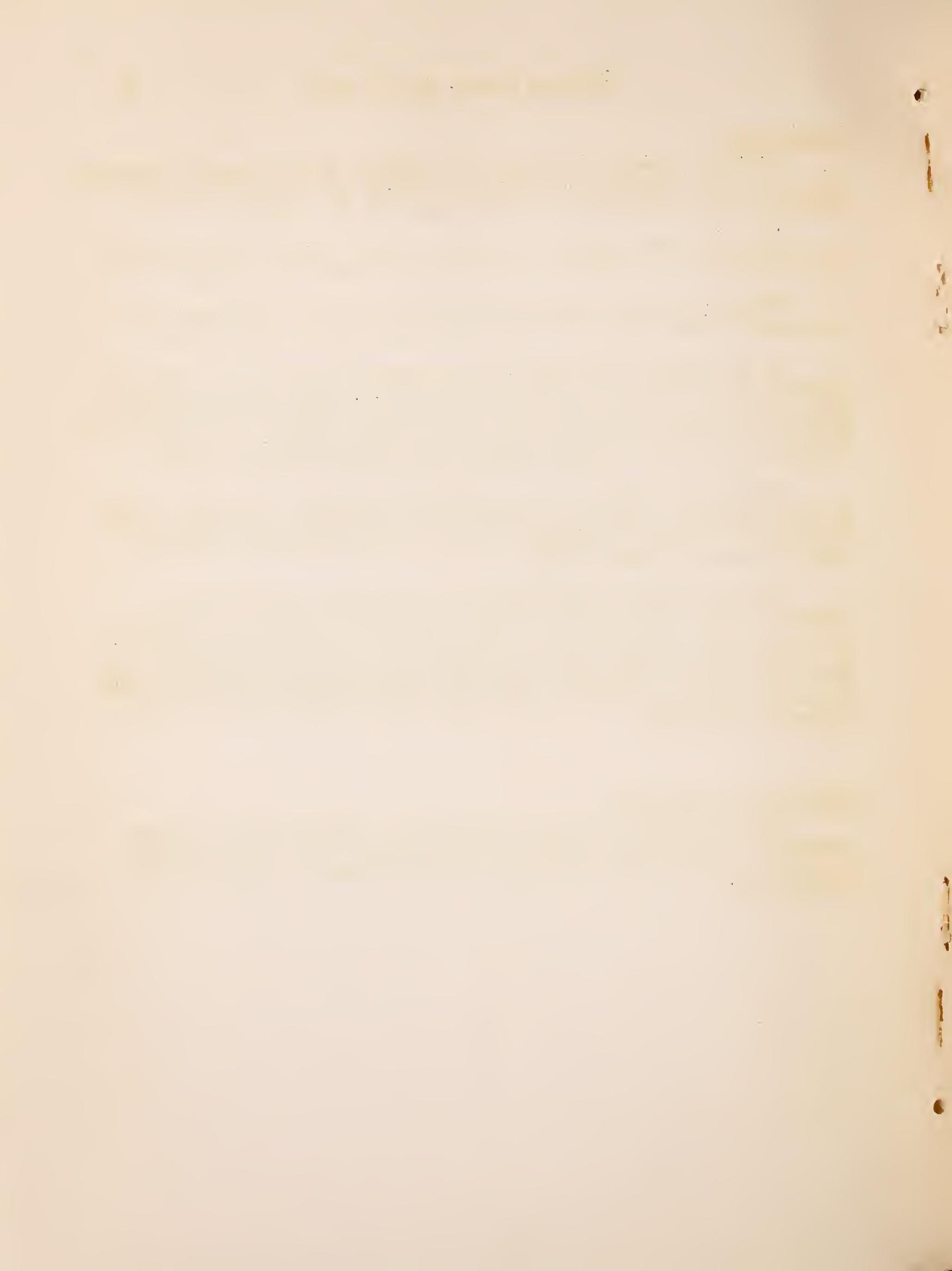
F.E. Bailey advises that the Yakima, Washington, inspection office is now permanently located in Room 203, P. O. Building. Telegrams should be addressed to this room number and mail to P.O. Box 1345. Telephone number remains unchanged - 5725.

Word is received today (May 31) of the death of W.D. Googe on Thursday, May 30, at Booneville, Miss. Due to ill health, Mr. Googe in September, 1939, retired from his official duties. He was first employed in the Division in March 1916 and worked in the Market News Service until April 1917, when he resigned. After his reinstatement in September, 1922, he worked continuously in the Market News Service until the time of his retirement last fall.

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HELP LOCATE ELLISON HART

Anyone knowing the present whereabouts of Ellison Hart, formerly operating in the produce business from Massillon, Ohio, and now possibly in Kentucky, should immediately advise H. A. Spilman, in charge of the P.A.C.A. unit.



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1a. COPIES OF USED TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED PROMPTLY.

If an employee has occasion to use Government Transportation Requests, without incurring other expense, he should submit to Washington, at the close of the month, an expense voucher, making no claim for reimbursement but executed in the usual way with the Transportation Requests attached. Some employees may be of the opinion that, inasmuch as there is no per diem or other expense to be claimed, it is not necessary to submit the Transportation Requests until such time as other expenses are claimed. When copies of the Transportation Requests are withheld by the traveller, the accounting office has difficulty in auditing for payment bills rendered by the transportation companies.

2a. ADDRESS LISTS

Due to the great number of recent changes in personnel assignments the issuance of revised address lists, as mentioned in the Division Letters of February 23 and April 5, has been postponed. It is now requested that all those involved in these assignments advise the Washington office as promptly as possible concerning new residence addresses and telephone numbers in order that we may proceed with the issuance of revised lists without further undue delay.

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-

1d. STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF CANNED PRODUCTS

U.S. standards for grades of canned red sour pitted cherries, sweet cherries and pears, effective May 15 and tentative U.S. standards for grades of canned red raspberries, beets and blackberries, also effective May 15, have recently been distributed to each inspection office. Additional copies may be received upon request addressed to Paul M. Williams.

## -MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. MELON GROWING PROBLEMS CONTINUE IN IMPERIAL VALLEY

Imperial Valley melon growers who thought the severe attack of mildew and the temporary water shortage had given them sufficient troubles for one season are now being beset by severe insect ravages. The most severe infestation of crickets in recent years is resulting in damage to cantaloups, while cucumber beetles are causing damage to watermelons and especially to honeydews. In the case of honeydews the adult beetles are chewing the melons while the larvae attack the roots. Of the two, the larvae are causing more damage as they kill the vines, often before the melons have been harvested or before they have even matured. Once they have attacked a field the spread is rapid and growers say that the area of dead and dying vines increases noticeably from one day to the next. Damage caused by the adults has been mostly chewing and scarring of the fruit and rendering it unsightly.

Minor earthquakes continue to occur almost daily, although none has been of the intensity of those of three weeks ago. A minor break occurred in one of the canals three or four days ago after a rather sharp shock, but it was quickly repaired. Persons who visited the scenes of the major breaks which occurred on the Mexican side of the border after the first quakes feel it was little short of a miracle that, out of the quagmires which resulted, it was possible to form banks from the mucky, jelly-like soil which would hold any pressure at all. Yet, in less than six days, water was restored to approximately one-third of the district and, three days later, to the entire Valley with the exception of a few small areas where changes in levels caused some further delay. The amount of water was necessarily limited, but by prorating the water available, most ranches were served sufficient volume to take care of immediate requirements and the total crop loss or damage was relatively light. Another month may be required to place the entire canal system in shape to carry safely a full load.

With the movement of cantaloups from the open acreage now reaching its peak, it is becoming evident that carlot shipments of straight cantaloups will probably not reach 100 cars on any day and that total carlot shipments for the season will be little, if any, in excess of 3,000 cars, or barely half last season's total of 5,892 cars. However, the cantaloup acreage this year is only 70 percent of that of last season. By June 15, cantaloup movement should start declining rapidly and within a week or ten days later the season should be practically over. Quality of the late melons is probably a little better than the early crop, but is still unsatisfactory.

Shipments of honeyballs have been holding at a fairly uniform level of 10 to 15 cars daily. No heavy peak is expected unless a period of hot weather should suddenly bring on maturity. Shipments will probably continue until the last of June or the first part of July and it is now thought that the total will be slightly less than last year. Acreage is about 20 percent greater but the set was rather light and the melons have run heavier to small to medium sizes. The first green meats were harvested this week and have been selling mostly about 25¢ per crate higher than the pink meats.

MELON GROWING PROBLEMS CONTINUE IN IMPERIAL VALLEY (cont'd)

Honeydew shipments increased rapidly this week but the market held fairly steady, probably due in part, at least, to the fact that eating quality is much better than that of cantaloups. Although acreage is about 10 percent greater than last year, many persons think shipments will be considerably lighter due to the heavy percentage of small sizes and the increasing damage being caused by the cucumber beetle larvae.

Watermelon sizes have also been running smaller than usual and this is affecting yields. Quality is variable, some crops being fine and others ordinary to fair. The market was strong early in the week but cool weather along the Coast affected consumption and when demand slowed up about the middle of the week the price declined sharply.

About 25 percent of the cantaloups and about 60 percent of the watermelons shipped to date have moved by truck. Last season, 16 percent of the total cantaloup movement and 44 percent of the watermelon movement was by truck. Very few white melons are consumed in the Western markets, and less than 5 percent of the honeydews and less than 3 percent of the honeyballs shipped to date have been by truck.

From 75 to 100 cars of late carrots remain to be shipped, most of which will move during the coming week. Total shipments for the season will be more than 500 cars in excess of last season's record of 4,022. Prices have advanced rapidly in the last two weeks and are now at the highest levels in months.

The first grapes of the 1940 season originated in the Coachella Valley during the week and shipments from the Imperial Valley are expected to start within the next week or ten days. The Imperial crop is estimated at from 100 to 125 cars.

Shipments of cantaloups from the Yuma district of Arizona increased rapidly during the week and the peak is expected during the coming week, with the season about over by June 25. Quality has been better than in the Imperial Valley and f.o.b. prices have averaged 25-50¢ per crate higher. Only a small part of the Yuma shipments are available for local cash sale, however, as preseason commitments cover most of the crop. Yields are said to be much better than in the Imperial Valley and the approximately 2,400 acres are expected to produce from 700 to 1,000 cars. Some mildew has shown up but it has not been very serious.

The first car from the Phoenix district is expected to be loaded on June 10 but for the first week or two shipments will be very light. According to all reports, there is no mildew in the district.

Harvesting in the Blythe district of California, along the Colorado River just north of Imperial County, started this week and will continue for another two weeks or so. There are only about 250 acres and a fairly large part of the production moves by truck.

The first few crates in the Delano district of Central California were harvested in the last two or three days. No real movement is expected for another week or ten days, by which time the Imperial Valley crop should be well out of the way. Last year there was a considerable overlapping of the two districts, which had a material effect on the movement of Imperial cantaloups to Pacific Coast markets. (A.M.McDowell, 5/8/40)

2b. CHANGES ON THE GOB AND PA-PE PAGES OF THE CODE (Effective June 22)

On the GOB (MISCELLANEOUS F.O.B. PHRASES) page of the code change the present meaning of

GOBOR summary of carlot prices at Northwestern shipping points,  
based on cash and f.o.b. usual term sales to read

GOBOR carloads f.o.b. inspection and acceptance arrival

This is to take care of the increasing sales for which cash or its equivalent is paid at shipping point but for which the shippers guarantee delivery of goods on U.S. No. 1 or other grade. In effect, the sale is f.o.b. as to price, but on a delivered basis as to quality and condition.

On the PA-PE (POTATOES WHITE) page of the code, change the meaning of

IM combination pack, plain bags to read

IM under initial ice

3b. WHAT WAS TOTAL NUMBER INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS SERVED WITH REPORTS IN 1939?

(Reply attention Miss Watt)

In the Annual Report of the Market News Project which is now being prepared, we desire to show the total number of individuals and firms served during the calendar year 1939 with reports of any kind issued by each of the market stations and field stations. This is not identical with the largest number on the mailing list at any one time.

The man in charge of each market station, and of each field station now operating, is requested to furnish this information at once so that this portion of the Annual Report may be completed. A few of the annual reports from market stations give such a figure, but in many of them the statement regarding the names on the mailing list is too indefinite for this purpose. Therefore all offices are requested to supply the information.

For field offices which issued reports on only one commodity the total number of individuals served can be taken fairly well from the MS-32s on file in Washington, though it is realized that the largest number of individuals served at any one time will almost always be less than the total number on the mailing list during the year. For field offices which issued reports on several commodities we do not have the information to estimate the total number served, as we do not know the extent to which there was overlapping of the names on the several commodity lists. Every man that operated a field station in 1939 which is not now running is requested to look over any data that he may have retained from that station and endeavor to estimate how many individuals or firms received reports from that station while it was in operation in 1939. Please avoid duplications. For example, if you have two plates for John Smith, Smithtown, Iowa, they should be counted as one name, not two.

In addition, all men in charge of market stations are requested to supply by wire immediately after June 30, 1940, the total number of names on their mailing lists during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1940.

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TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail In List Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>First Will Close</u>	<u>Probably</u>
*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	933 A.M.McDowell	Cantaloups Carrots	May 6 " 6	July 6 June 1	
Crystal Springs, Miss. P.O.Box 266	809 J.B.Owens	Cabbage & Misc.vegs.	May 3 " 3	June " 21	21
*Gainesville, Fla.	332 R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June 20	June 29	
Jacksonville, Texas	811 R.E.Winfrey	Tomatoes	June 10	July 6	
*Leesburg, Fla. P.O. Box 529	912 R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June 10	June 19	
Macon, Ga. 408 Ga. Casualty Bldg.	833 R.E.Keller	Peaches	June 5	July 20	
*Pocomoke City, Md. Peninsula Bldg.	878 S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May 16 June 10	June 4 July 19	
*Washington, N.C. Room 5, P.O. Bldg.	926 J.C.Keller	Potatoes	June 3	July 3	

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Bradenton, Fla. P.O. Box 397	850 R.M.Peterson	Celery Tomatoes Cucumbers	May 6 " 6 " 6	June " " " "	6 6 6
*Charleston, S.C. County Center Bldg.	858-R O.G.Strauss	Potatoes	May 20	June 8	
Mobile, Alabama 62 No. Commerce St.	924 Aaron Stambaugh	Potatoes Cucumbers	May 7 " 16	June " 15	15
THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED					
*Allendale, S.C.	938 J.B.Owens	Cantaloups Watermelons	July 5 " 5	July 27 " 27	
*Fresno, Calif.	919 A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 22	Nov. 13	
*Hamelt, N.C.	939 H.F.Willson	Peaches Watermelons	July 8 July 22	Aug. 3 Aug. 10	
Moultrie, Ga.	832 R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	July 1	July 15	
*Phoenix, Ariz. *State cooperating	815 R.G.Risser	Cantaloups	June 21	Aug. 10	

PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENTS

Before July 1, or shortly thereafter, the following changes in assignments will be effective: Edgar Krumm will be transferred from the Cleveland inspection office to Chicago. H.C. McCoy will go from Memphis to Cleveland; J.A. Marks will go to Tennessee, where he will have supervision of the shipping point inspection work and later will be located at Memphis where he will also be in charge of the terminal inspection work. R.H. vonGlahn will be in charge of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspection work at Philadelphia while C.E. Partridge transfers from the Boston inspection office to Philadelphia where his time will be utilized in connection with the inspection of both fresh fruits and vegetables and processed foods. A.H. Polster goes from the New York City inspection office to Detroit where it has been necessary to assign an assistant to Mr. Baden due to the continuously increased volume of work. Harry Branch, who has been assisting with the potato standard investigational work in Chicago, returns to the New York City inspection office.

L. R. Gibson has been assigned to the processed food inspection work in the Boston office while F.S. Zimmerman will assist E.J. Evans on processed food inspections in the New York City office. Evert Elvin, of Nogales, Arizona, has been appointed as an Assistant Marketing Specialist, with headquarters at Fresno, California, where he will be employed on processed food inspection work, and Edward R. Thompson transfers from headquarters at Easton, Md. to San Jose. Five temporary appointments have also been made as follows: Harry C. Munson, Corvallis, Oregon, Agent (Asst. Scientific Aid); Charles J. Bartos, Woodburn, Oregon, Agent (Jr. Inspector Trainee); Lawrence J. Rosaka, Corvallis, Oregon, Agent (Jr. Inspector-Trainee) John K. Simmonds, Corvallis, Oregon, Agent (Jr. Inspector-Trainee) and Earl M. Litwiller, Independence, Oregon, Agent (Jr. Inspector.) These temporary appointees, it is anticipated, will be needed for approximately four months at Sunnyvale and San Jose to assist with the peak volume of inspections at two large processing factories with which the Department holds a cooperative agreement in conjunction with the California State Department of Agriculture.

In connection with the market news work, D.L. Smith transfers from the Detroit market news office to Chicago, while W.D. Hull goes from St. Louis to Detroit. W.W. Chastain, who has been away from his headquarters, Chicago, for the past several months while engaged on relief duty in Cleveland, will take charge of the St. Louis news office.

W.G. Lensen will go from Washington to Chicago, where he will open and conduct an office from which investigations under the provisions of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act, Produce Agency and Standard Container Acts will be made in the States of Ill., Minn., Wis. Iowa, Mo., Kans., Nebr., N. Dak., S. Dak., Ky., Ind., Ohio and Michigan. This assignment is similar to that of J.W. Dykes in the Southwestern States and W.A. Hilgeson in the Northwestern States.

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Wm. G. Meal left Washington on June 13, for a period of approximately three weeks, during which he will travel to points in the States of Mich., Ill., Minn., Wash., Oreg., Calif., Utah and Colo. While in the State of Washington Mr. Meal will attend the Western Area Standardization Conference at Seattle at which time he will speak on the subject "Are We Making Maximum Use of Standardization in Meeting Distribution Problems?"

**-INSPECTION SERVICE-**

**1f. STATEMENT - "MEETS CANADIAN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS" LIMITED TO CERTAIN REGULATIONS.**

The attention of inspectors is particularly directed to the last paragraph on page 9 of the recent "Canadian Import Requirements." The Canadian Department considers the statement "Meets Canadian Import Requirements" to apply only to the import grade requirements. It is possible, therefore, to certify a carlot as meeting Canadian import requirements even though the packages are not stamped as required by other Canadian regulations than those contained in the Export and Import Regulations of the Fruit, Vegetables and Honey Act. The statement of Mr. R.E. Robinson, Chief of Fruit and Vegetable Inspection of the Canadian Department of Agriculture, in this connection is as follows:

"To be more concise, the statement, 'Meets Canadian import requirements,' is only used in connection with the Export and Import Regulations contained in the Fruit, Vegetables and Honey Act."

The inspector, however, should always advise the shipper that there is danger that his products will be held up at port of entry if they are not marked to show the country of origin and do not comply with other Canadian regulations. The marking of the name of the product, the name and address of packer or distributor, and the volume of contents, however, are requirements of our Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act and Canadian certificates should not be issued on any lots which do not meet the requirements of our own laws. The inspector should also act in an advisory capacity regarding the Standard Package Requirements as mentioned in paragraphs 14 and 15 of "Canadian Import Requirements." In this connection question has been raised as to when products from this country are to be considered in competition with home-grown Canadian products. As mentioned in paragraph 14, page 6, of "Canadian Import Requirements" the Canadian Department has advised that this competition is considered as beginning at the time when a Canadian dump duty becomes effective. The Canadian officials do not give more than 24 hours advance notice of the imposition of dump duties. It would be impossible, therefore, to advise inspectors exactly when such duties go into effect. It is suggested that receiving market inspectors who are making extensive certifications of shipments for Canada should contact the Canadian consul in their market and ask that he give them notice whenever duties of this kind become effective. All large exporters keep well informed on the effective dates of such duties and it is suggested that shipping point inspectors can obtain this information from such sources.

**2f. SPELLING OF WORD "CANTALOUP"**

In the interest of uniformity and brevity in the future the inspection service should omit the final "e" in spelling "cantaloup." While Webster's New International Dictionary shows "cantaloupe" as the "slightly preferred" spelling, the Style Manual of the U.S. Government Printing Office, which is the highest authority for all Federal Departments, shows the word "cantaloup" in a list of words the forms of which are to be used in preference to any other forms.



3f. "INSPECTED FOR EXPORT" STAMPS

It will be impracticable for the Washington office to attempt to furnish "Inspected for Export" stamps for all shipping points. These stamps can be obtained in any large city. The form which has been provided for Receiving Market Offices is the Superior Dater stamp, Number 2. The wording which is used on these stamps is shown in the impression given below:

Since the fees for inspections which involve the use of these stamps at shipping points will be collected by the States, it is felt that the cost of these stamps should be paid from the State inspection funds.

Inspectors who are entrusted with these stamps should be warned as to the care which should be exercised to see that they are not lost and do not fall into the hands of those who are not authorized to use them.

4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASCNAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W.Ayres, American Legion Hall, Foley, Alabama.

For Georgia reports wire H.M.Riley, Federal-State Inspection Service, Macon, Ga.

For Kentucky reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Paducah, Ky.

For Mississippi reports wire L.W.Brewer, Crystal Springs, Miss.

For Missouri strawberry reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Monett, Mo.

For Oklahoma reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Poteau, Okla.

For South Carolina reports wire Geo. E. Prince, Division of Markets, Columbia, S.C.

For Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tenn.

For Texas reports wire H.T.Longino, 200 Federal Bldg., Jacksonville, Texas.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 North Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For Virginia reports other than apples wire Robert Bier, Cape Charles, Va.

5f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Paul M. Barrows, Mayapple Farm, High Ridge, Stamford, Conn.	\$4.00
Omaha Cold Storage Co.	2.50
Davis Brothers, 216 So. Water Market,	Chicago, Ill. 2.50

F.G. Robb



INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

May, 1940.

<u>Cities</u>	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Hospitals</u>	<u>Veterans'</u>	<u>Master</u>	<u>Com-</u>	<u>N.Y.Medic-</u>	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Insti-</u>	<u>Maritime</u>	<u>Health</u>	<u>&amp;</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Quarter</u>	<u>Marine &amp;</u>	<u>Guard &amp; Public</u>	<u>Coast</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Steamship</u>
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	545,960	54,615	285,977	53,372	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	14,138	108,003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Memphis	-	108,003	108,003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	73,439	73,439	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newark	11,091	140,867	64,464	75,865	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	364,547	140,867	64,464	75,865	240,481	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norfolk	1,070,975	-	-	-	-	10,602	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	259,077	62,597	62,597	16,012	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	32,924	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	33,472	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Diego	1,049,017	-	246,884	6,953	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	2,029,288	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	607,228	-	19,177	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	-	-	-	-	-	5,937,783	-	810,052	-	399,909	-	93,420	-	240,481	-	50,746	-	2,004,087	<u>1</u>	1,049,910

Chicago and San Pedro reports not received.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING MAY, 1940.  
 (l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	317	Mississippi	2103
Arkansas	184	Nebraska	2
California	6844½	New York	47½
Colorado	57½	North Dakota	302
Florida	6737	Ohio	98
Georgia	250	Oregon	549½
Idaho	1556	Pennsylvania	3
Indiana	1	South Carolina	1483
Kentucky	459	Texas	1752
Louisiana	2775½	Utah	7*
Maine	954	Virginia	136
Michigan	977	West Virginia	4
Minnesota	280	Total	27,879½

\* There were 237 trucklots aggregating 2,452,200 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received - Alabama, Montana, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington, and Wisconsin.

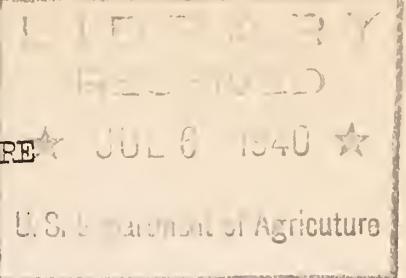
Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above: California 443, Florida 3.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING MAY, 1940.</u>					
	Total	Same Month		Total	Same Month
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Albany	22	25	Milwaukee	25	28
Atlanta	21	19	Minneapolis	34	37
Baltimore	72	140	Newark	14	35
Boston	230	274	New Haven	16	31
Buffalo	177	170	New Orleans	74	86
Chicago	*	136	New York	701	1525
Cincinnati	14	36	Norfolk	19	35
Cleveland	89	105	Oklahoma City	*	10
Columbus	29	72	Omaha	0	4
Denver	23	28	Philadelphia	136	118
Detroit	367	181	Pittsburgh	65	77
East Providence	17	29	Portland	26	51
Fort Worth	1	9	Rochester	32	35
Harrisburg	4	2	St. Louis	37	44
Hartford	60	69	Salt Lake City	17	11
Houston	*	1172	San Francisco	0	3
Indianapolis	3	20	Seattle	3	12
Jacksonville	20	46	Tampa	1	2
Kansas City	44	53	Trenton	7	-
Los Angeles	4	5	Washington, D.C.	16	18
Memphis	6	12	TOTAL	2428	4776
Miami	2	11	Total fees assessed for May, 1940-\$9,229.27	Total last year \$15,483.44	

\* Reports not received.

1724 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Assn., New York City

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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June 28, 1940

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

Not for publication

1a. APPROPRIATION NUMBERS FOR FISCAL YEAR 1941

Without having been mentioned in the Division Letter dated June 14, there was mailed with that issue, to each office having occasion to prepare pay rolls, a mimeographed booklet entitled "Symbols for 1941 Projects and Appropriations." It is now desired to call to the attention of each office the fact that the main appropriation number for the fiscal year 1941 (which begins July 1) changes from 1202500 to 1212500. The only sub-number change in our Division is for the Market News Service, which changes from 070 to 071. In other words - the complete appropriation number for the Market News Service, after July 1, will be 1212500.071.

"Project" numbers (under the new definition "Section") numbers will not be changed.

Rubber stamps will be mailed to each office in the near future.

2a. MONTHLY REPORTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED PROMPTLY

The various Washington offices must prepare annual reports shortly after July 1. Field offices are asked to cooperate in this matter by mailing to Washington all monthly reports for June, as well as any which may be overdue for previous months, as soon after June 30 as possible.

3a. SUPPLIES

The Central Supply Section of the Department closed on June 22 for inventory purposes. It will not be reopened until after June 30. Similarly, the office of Budget and Accounts is endeavoring to complete its records for the fiscal year ending June 30. This will occasion delay in the shipment of supplies, payment of vouchers, etc.

4a. SURPLUS COPIES OF D.L. FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1938

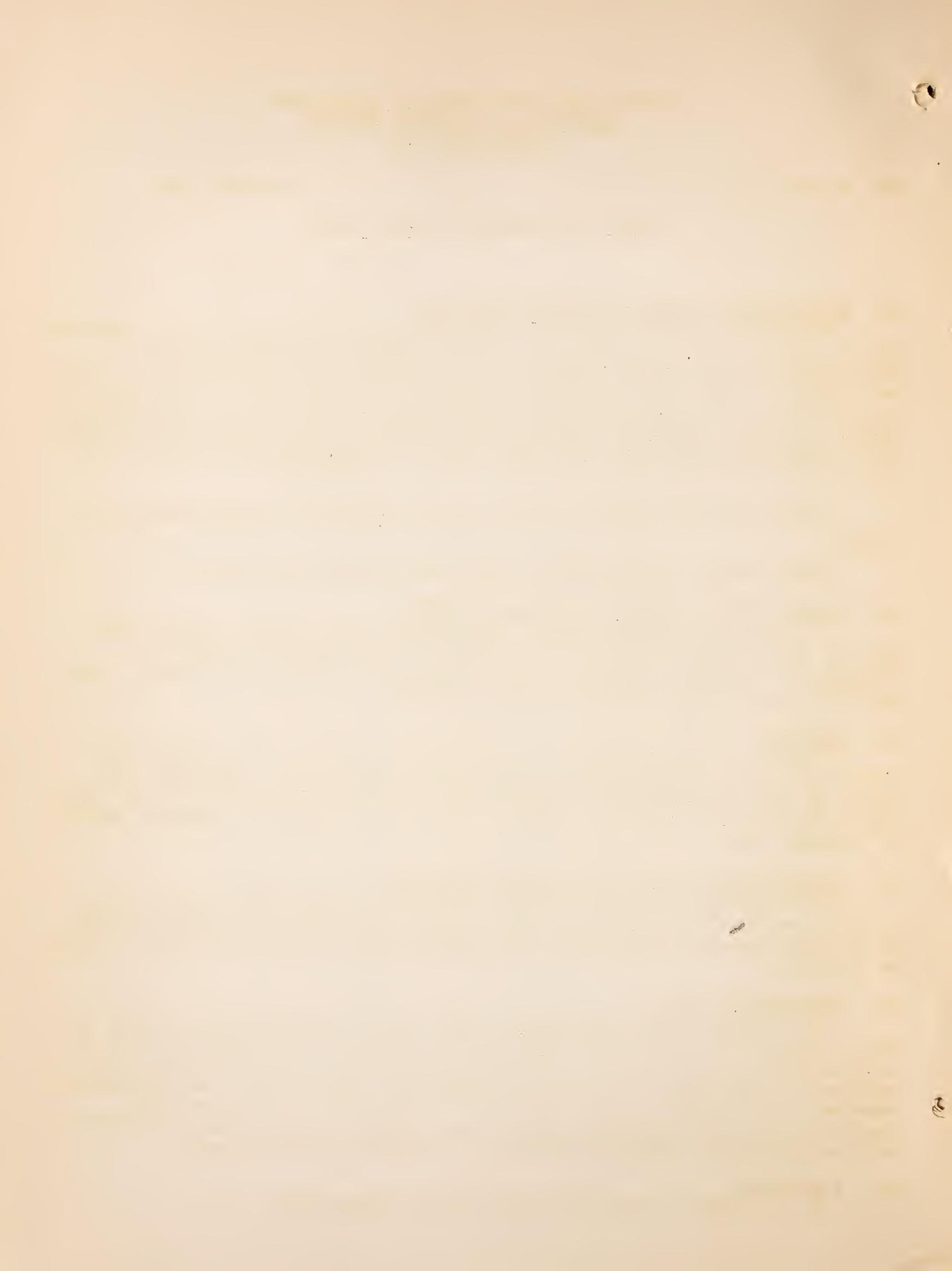
The Washington office has surplus copies of the Division Letter for the calendar year 1938. Any office desiring copies should direct its request to Mrs. Mills before August 1, after which date surplus copies for that year will no longer be available.

5a. MEMORANDUM NO. 865

In accordance with Memorandum No. 865, signed by the Secretary on June 19, 1940, copies of which are being distributed to various offices with this D.L., the administration of activities of the Department pursuant to the Insecticide Act of 1910 and the Naval Stores Act are being transferred from the Food and Drug Administration to the A.M.S., effective June 30. The Food and Drug Administration, together with all its functions, except those relating to the above-mentioned Acts, will be transferred, effective June 30, to the Federal Security Agency.

6a. A REMINDER

Do not forget to count and weigh the mail during July.



**7a. OFFICIAL TERMINOLOGY OF FIELD ACTIVITIES**

Administrative Memorandum No. 240, dated June 15, signed by Mr. C. W. Kitchen, Chief of our Service, is copied below for the information of each employee:

For the purpose of establishing a uniform and standard terminology for our various field activities, the following shall be used and referred to in all official correspondence and other documents and papers:

"Field Office" -- Will denote an administrative field entity located at one point and occupying office space out of which the business of the field activity is conducted and in which contacts are handled with members of the trade and others having business with the local unit.

"Field Station" -- Will denote a technical field operating entity that does not maintain or require the occupancy of space, but merely contemplates a point where technical work is conducted; for instance, the inspection of tobacco in a warehouse at a designated market where the employees operate entirely at the location of activity, the grading of butter at manufacturing plants where an inspector is assigned to the plant and operates entirely at the location of activity.

"Temporary Field Office" -- Will denote an administrative field entity of temporary duration, located at one point and occupying office space, out of which the business of the field activity is conducted and in which contacts are handled with members of the trade and others having business with the local unit.

"Temporary Field Station" -- Will denote a technical field operating entity of temporary duration that does not maintain or require the occupancy of space but merely contemplates a point where technical work is conducted. (See "Field Station" above).

"Federal-State Field Office" -- Will denote a cooperative administrative field entity where the Federal-State activity is under the supervision of a Federally appointed supervisor; for instance, it may involve work conducted jointly by a force on the Federal and on the State pay rolls, or employees whose salaries are paid cooperatively, or may involve the supervision of State employees licensed by the Federal government and supervised by a Federal supervisor.

The "General Field Headquarters" of the Grain and Seed Division located at Chicago, Illinois, and the "Pacific Coast Field Headquarters" of this Division located at Portland, Oregon, will continue to carry these specific designations.

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OFFICIAL TERMINOLOGY OF FIELD ACTIVITIES (cont'd)

Those Divisions having field offices that are considered as outlying technical units under the administrative supervision and direction of a field office at another point, will use the following designation in referring to such offices:

"Field Office (under supervision of \_\_\_\_\_)".

In the case of activities operated on a joint basis at various points throughout the field service, while the individual activities will carry the standard terminology indicated above, the administration of the joint activity will be governed by a joint operating committee which will continue to be the official designation of such committee, where established, and the head of that committee will continue to use the official title of Chairman when functioning in that capacity, in addition to the regular operating title used by that official in connection with his individual divisional function.

The various organizational levels of the activities of the Agricultural Marketing Service will continue as follows:

Division -- The major breakdown of a bureau or office of the Department.

Section -- The major breakdown of the Division.

Unit -- The various activities under the Section.

The use of the term "Project" for that of a Section in connection with the organizational structure of a Division will be discontinued.

The foregoing official designations will supersede any other designations previously used, such as branch office, district office, etc.

Divisions having specific problems as to the designation of certain particular field activities which may present a peculiar problem apart from the standardized designations provided for above, should take the matter up with the Business Manager for determination, otherwise the standardized terminology mentioned above will apply.

**-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-****1b. CHANGES ON JA-JY AND SA-SI PAGES OF THE CODE (Effective July 6)**

On the JA-JY (QUALITY, CONDITION AND COLOR) page of the code change meaning of

OQ spots (ed) to read

OQ spotted sacks

It will then be possible to say, for example, "showing few spotted sacks," by JYHQQ

On the SA-SI (WATERMELON) page of the code, cancel the code symbol

AV Cletex

This conflicts with "AV 14 pounds." When it is desired to quote on the Cletex variety, English can be used.

**2b. COLORADO PRODUCTS**

Colorado's big peach crop will probably be seven to ten days early in 1940. Shippers and handlers expect the Elberta crop to begin moving about August 10th to 12th.

Colorado, too, has experienced hot weather recently with a high of 102° at Grand Junction, which is hastening the maturity of peaches. It is locally estimated the 1940 carlot peach movement will be around 1800 cars with about 1600 cars from the Palisade section and 200 or more from the North Fork. This estimate is based on normal weather conditions for the balance of the season. The Palisade section, at least, has sufficient water for peach growth this season.

Hot weather has also caused deterioration in the quality of local iceberg lettuce now moving to the Denver market. The first tipburn of the season was noticed early this week, but so far packers have been able to eliminate most of this defect from carlot shipments. Both Canon City and Denver have been shipping lettuce recently. About two-thirds of the early crop had moved to market by June 20th, based on early anticipation. The recent hot weather may decrease the remaining supplies.

The first box of early Colorado peaches from Palisade was sold at Denver today. Apricots from the Western Slope are now on the local market in competition with California offerings.

Early potatoes from both Northern Colorado and the Western Slope section around Fruita, will be ready to market by July 1st or shortly thereafter. (Bryce Morris, 6/21/40)



**3b. GEORGIA PEACHES HAVE LATE SEASON**

The first car of Golden Jubilee Peaches was reported out yesterday, June 21. Small lots of early Hileys have been moving the past two days and the first cars are expected out today, June 22. Movement of early Hileys is expected to become active by June 26. First regular Hileys are expected to start about July 1st. Most of the early Hileys and regular Hileys will come from the area south of Macon. Prospects for quality appear good, the orchards having received excellent care. Inasmuch as the set is heavy and fruit has not been thinned enough, Hileys are expected to run small. Regular Hileys in central and north Georgia, where the set is light, will have good size but probably not so good quality. (R.E.Keller, 6/22/40)

**4b. DEALER SERVICE IN THE FRESH FRUIT AND VEGETABLE INDUSTRY**

Mr. J. W. Park has prepared an interesting publication entitled "Dealer Service in the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Industry," a mimeographed copy of which accompanies this D. L. for each Market News Office.

B.C. Boree

**-STANDARDIZATION SERVICE-****1c. DELAWARE NO. 1 GRADE FOR WILLIAMS APPLES**

We have just been informed by the Director of Markets that the State of Delaware promulgated a Delaware No. 1 Grade for Williams apples which is effective through the 1940 harvest season only. This grade is the same as U.S. No. 1 except that the apples be free from serious damage caused by russetting.

**2c. CHANGE IN U. S. STANDARDS FOR PEARS**

U.S. Standards for Summer and Fall Pears, effective June 27, 1940, will be sent to all inspectors within a few days. Very soon U.S. Standards for Winter Pears will be issued.

The most important change to observe is that we will have separate standards for summer and fall, and winter pears. In the new Standards for Summer and Fall Pears we have added definitions for damage by broken skins and black end. Changes in the definitions for hard end and serious damage by insects have been made. The term "seriously misshapen" has been substituted for "seriously deformed" in the new definition supplied.

R.R. Pailthorp



TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

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*Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	933	A.M.McDowell	Cantaloups Carrots	May "	June 6 6	29 1
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*Hamlet, N.C.	939	H.F.Willson	Peaches Watermelons	July 8 " 22	Aug. 3 " "	10
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Jacksonville, Texas	811	R.E.Winfrey	Tomatoes	June 10	July 10	
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Macon, Ga. 408 Ga. Casualty Bldg.	833	R.E.Keller	Peaches	June 5	July 20	
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Moultrie, Ga.	832	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	July 1	July 15	
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*Phoenix, Arizona	815	R.G.Risser	Cantaloups	June 21	Aug. 10	
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*Pocomoke City, Md. Peninsula Bldg.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May 16 June 10	June 4 July 19	
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THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Fresno, Calif.	919	A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 22	Nov. 13	
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Nashville, Ark.	873	R.E.Winfrey	Peaches	July 15	Aug. 3	
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THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Charleston, S.C.	858-R	O.G.Strauss	Potatoes Tomatoes	May 20 June 10	June 8 July 5	
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Crystal Springs, Miss.	809	J.B.Owens	Cabbage & Misc. veggies.	May 3 "	July 3 "	
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*Gainesville, Fla. White House Hotel	832	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June 20	June 29	
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*Leesburg, Fla. P.O. Box 529	912	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	June 10	June 19	
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*Washington, N.C. Room 5, P.O. Bldg.	926	J.C.Keller	Potatoes	June 3	July 3	
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\*State cooperating



-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. THE USE OF FPI-118 AND FPI-153

In Division Letter of February 9, 1940, paragraph 9f, instructions were given to the effect that FPI-118 was to be used when three commodities or less were to be certified and FPI-153 for more than three. Information has been received to the effect that it is difficult to describe more than one product on FPI-118 on account of lack of space. It will be satisfactory, therefore, in the future to restrict FPI-118 to one product or two at most if the descriptions are short.

The attention of all inspectors who use these forms is called to the lack of legibility of some of the carbons which are received in Washington. This is due in part to poor penmanship and in part to dimness of the carbons. This may be caused either by an attempt to write too many certificates with one set of carbon papers or to failure to bear down hard enough when writing. The latter difficulty is helped greatly by the insertion of a cardboard or aluminum sheet beneath the last copy before starting to write the certificates.

2f. UNRESTRICTED PEACH INSPECTIONS

The Georgia Peach Growers Exchange has very strongly urged the receiving market inspection service to issue unrestricted certificates on all of their shipments on which inspection may be requested in receiving markets. They insist that inspections restricted to the upper portions of a carload do not give a fair basis for making an adjustment when the car shows decay in receiving markets. They are so insistent on unrestricted inspections of their shipments that they have advised they are directing their consignees to furnish the necessary labor so that complete inspections can be made. If there should be any failure on the part of the receivers of Exchange peaches to do this the Exchange should be advised at thier headquarters in Macon, Georgia. Every effort should be made to comply with this request even if it means a second trip to a car, as may occasionally be necessary.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire T.W. Ayres, American Legion Hall, Foley, Ala.

For Georgia reports wire H. M. Riley, 407 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga.

For Kansas reports wire N.D. Sanborn, Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Topeka, Kansas.

For Kentucky reports wire J. E. Dickerson, 517 Federal Bldg.,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

For Mississippi reports wire L. W. Brewer, Crystal Springs, Miss.

For Missouri reports wire N.D. Sanborn, Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Topeka, Kansas.

For Oklahoma reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Baltimore  
Hotel, Muskogee, Oklahoma.

For South Carolina watermelons wire F.W. Luffman, Allendale, S.C.

For Tennessee reports wire J. A. Marks, Humboldt, Tenn.

For Texas reports wire H. T. Longino, 200 Federal Bldg., Jacksonville,  
Texas.

For Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Parksley, Va.



4f. "SLIP" OF CANTALOUPS

It is generally recognized by the shippers that a cantaloup should be picked at "full slip" in order to be of best quality. There is frequently a tendency to pick too early with the result that many melons are picked at "half slip," or even earlier maturity. Those who pick in this way frequently gouge out with the thumb nail or some sharp instrument the remaining portion of the stem in order to give a melon the appearance of having been picked at "full slip." Inspectors should examine the stem scars carefully to see whether the "full slip" is artificial or natural and this term should be used only when there is no doubt as to the maturity of the melons.

5f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

M. O. Blount	Bethel, N.C.	\$ 8.32
Savannah Truckers	Savannah, Ga.	1.00
L. Gillarde Co.	79 South Water Market, Chicago, Ill.	13.90
Sowega Products Corp.	Adele, Ga.	4.00
S.A. Gerrard Co.	Fresno, Calif.	1.00
Milton K. Altschul, Inc.	Los Angeles, Calif.	33.52
M. Malia	132 West Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.	2.50

PLEASE DEDUCT FROM LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Paul M. Barrows	Mayapple Farm, High Ridge Stamford, Conn.	\$4.00
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R.G.Robb

Division Letter, June 28, 1940

OFFICE NOTES

R. M. Ferguson is relieving John W. Coleman at Cincinnati while the latter takes leave from June 24 through August 24.

G. W. Payne, of the New York City inspection office, will be on leave July 1-August 5.

Milton Johnson, employed on the Standard Container Act work of the Division since December, 1929, will transfer on July 1 to the Packers and Stockyards Division.

H. L. Geer, of the East Providence Office, will be on annual leave from July 24-August 17 during which time the inspection work for that office will be handled through the Boston office.

C. H. Johnson, Federal-State employee at Minneapolis, will handle the inspection work there while G. W. Christenson is on leave July 15-27.

L. C. Carey is visiting various points in the States of Texas, Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Tennessee and Mississippi in the interest of the work pertaining to the Standard Container Acts.

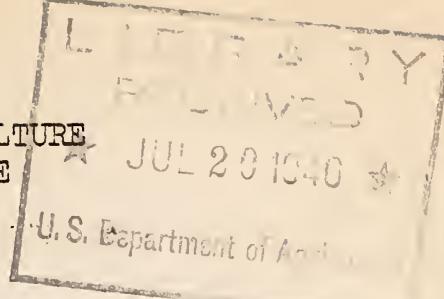
Effective July 1 the F.S.C.C. will again purchase vegetables on the Farmers' Market in New York City. Two inspectors, employed under the New York City Letter of Authorization, will be assigned to this work. The F.S.C.C. is also, at the present time, purchasing tomatoes at Jacksonville, Texas, Crystal Springs, Mississippi, Ruston, Louisiana and Greenville, Georgia. All of these tomatoes will be inspected, in accordance with F.S.C.C. specifications, in the areas immediately surrounding these points.

Fred W. Luffman, who is inspecting watermelons at Moultrie, Georgia, will proceed from there on July 1 to Allendale, S. C., where he will supervise the watermelon inspection work in that territory.

M. E. Smith will leave Washington within/few days, for a period of several weeks, to visit various points in New York, Ohio and Michigan, for the purpose of making a study of the application of standards for sour cherries for processing.

Beginning June 30, L. R. Gibson, of the Boston inspection force, will go on night duty to make whatever inspections may be requested on the Boston Market Terminal. Peaches will be the principal product on which inspections are likely to be requested during the next few weeks. This night inspection work will be continued as long as the number of requests warrants.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

Not for publication

1a. PERSONNEL INFORMATION SHEET

Under separate cover we are mailing for each employee a personnel information sheet (Form 3464) which must be filled in and returned to Washington in order that it may be checked and filed with the Personnel Office not later than July 31. With each form there is a sheet of instructions, which should be read and followed carefully. Attention is particularly called to Question 17, Experience record. Care should be taken to see that experience is shown in the order requested, that is, reverse chronological order. Reply should be made to all questions. If any question is not applicable, please state "no" or "none" in order that we may be certain such question has been noted by the employee.

2a. SAFETY POSTERS

There is being forwarded under separate cover, a safety poster to those offices of our Division which have permanently established office headquarters and at which there is used for official business either a government automobile or a privately owned automobile. This poster should be displayed in each office in a conspicuous place. The following is quoted from a memorandum dated April 12, from the Director of Personnel of the Department:

"During the last year twenty-five employees were killed by motor vehicle accidents. In addition there were a large number of accidents involving injuries, many serious; loss of time, damage to property, and many others involving claims against the Government.

"Each and every one of the deaths was preventable, and most of the other accidents fall into the same class. There is no complete answer, but the least the Department can do is to carry on a continuous and inexpensive preventive educational program.

"As one segment of the safety program of the Department, this office recently sponsored among certain employees likely to be most interested a safety poster contest, with special emphasis on vehicle accidents. The winning poster, which takes the form of a letter from the Secretary to all drivers of Department motor vehicles, is now being processed and will be available without charge to all bureaus and offices.

"This poster can serve its best purpose by being placed on a prominent spot\* \* \*."

The poster mentioned in the memorandum from the Director of Personnel has just now become available for distribution.

Division Letter, July 12, 1940

3a. VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT AND DISABILITY FUND  
Administrative Memorandum No. 224, signed by F.J.Hughes, Business Manager, is quoted below:

"A question was recently placed before the Comptroller General by the Civil Service Commission relative to the matter of refunds of additional voluntary contributions at the time of retirement, rather than to be used for the purpose of increasing the annuity that the employee will receive under the Retirement Act.

"The Comptroller General held that, since the statute providing for additional voluntary contributions specifies the purpose for which these voluntary deposits shall be available; namely, to purchase an annuity, and also specifies the conditions under which refund of such deposits may be made; that is, death of the employee or separation from service prior to becoming eligible for retirement on annuity, to permit the election by an employee to receive such deposits in a lump sum at the time of retirement, would be tantamount to treating such deposits as a 'savings fund' account--a purpose which is in nowise manifested by the statute. The Comptroller General, therefore, advised the Civil Service Commission that lump sum payments at the time of retirement rather than increased retirement annuities could not be authorized under existing law."

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. CERTAIN REPORTS DISCONTINUED BECAUSE OF CUT MARKET NEWS FUNDS

A number of reports heretofore compiled and released regularly by the Agricultural Marketing Service are being discontinued because of a reduction of the funds available for market news work for the 1941 fiscal year. With the discontinuance of these reports it will be impossible in most cases to fill special requests by outside interests or governmental agencies for the information formerly issued regularly.

The Fruit and Vegetable reports to be discontinued as of July 1 follow:

Shipments of fruits and vegetables by States and months for the current calendar year, both preliminary and final issues.

Shipments of fruits and vegetables by stations, counties, States, and months for the current calendar year.

Unload reports for cities other than those compiled by field offices of the Fruit and Vegetable Division.

2b. MARKET REPORTS SENT TO WASHINGTON SHOULD NOW BE ADDRESSED FOR MRS. BERGER

Because of a re-arrangement in the Washington personnel, the daily market news reports and summaries mailed by market and field offices addressed "attention Mrs. Walsh" should now be marked "attention Mrs. Berger."

B. C. Boree

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J.H. Hunter - New York City office

Paul Nicholson - Denver office

J.C.Keller - Cincinnati office

R.G. Risser - on leave

O.G. Strauss - New Orleans

Division Letter, July 12, 1940

**-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-****1d. MOLD COUNT ON TOMATO PRODUCTS LOWERED**

A recent announcement of the Food and Drug Administration indicates that the maximum mold count allowable in tomato catsup and tomato pulp for this season will be 40 instead of 50 and for tomato juice 15 instead of 25. This will serve to reduce automatically the counts provided in our grades for these commodities to the same figures. Until the revised standards are received from Washington, which will not for several days, any copies that are given out should be changed.

**2d. CORRECTION IN GRADES FOR CANNED BEETS**

A typographical error appeared in the grades for canned beets recently sent to the various offices and to the trade in that the word "not" was omitted between the words "shall" and "be" in the third line of paragraph C on page 7 of the grades. All offices should change their grades accordingly.

**3d. APPLICATIONS FOR CONTINUOUS INSPECTION**

In the experiment in consumer education in the field of grade labeling there are four plants in which the continuous inspection service incident to this experiment is being rendered. The canning plants cooperating with this Service this year are United States Products Corporation, San Jose, California, Schuckl and Company, Inc., Sunnyvale, California, Cherry Growers, Inc., Traverse City, Michigan, and Curtice Brothers Company (canned corn), Mt. Morris, New York. Applications from other canners for this service are being declined for this season, as we are unable to enlarge the experiment further because of limitations of personnel and for the further reason that we are not <sup>yet</sup> offering this as a service. All offices, however, should advise the Washington office of any inquiries they may receive concerning this service, as it is possible the experiment may be broadened somewhat next year. Applicants should be advised that their names will be taken and in the event we go further into this field next year we will contact them with a view to ascertaining whether their physical properties and equipment are such as to warrant our considering rendering the service to them later.

**4d. STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF CANNED PRODUCTS**

Tentative U.S. standards for grades of canned freestone peaches, apples, carrots, and plums, effective July 1, 1940, and U.S. standards for grades of yellow clingstone peaches, effective July 15, 1940, have recently been distributed to each inspection office and to the trade. Additional copies may be obtained by addressing requests to Paul M. Williams.

Paul M. Williams

**-INSPECTION SERVICE-**

**1f. TEMPERATURE RECORDS REQUESTED IN INSPECTING SHIPMENTS OF FROZEN STRAWBERRIES.**

The Pacific Fruit Express Company has recently requested inspection of several cars of frozen sliced strawberries shipped from the West Coast to the eastern markets. This company is not interested in the grade of the fruit in question but in the temperatures in the shipments. They request that temperatures be taken inside the shipping cases at these locations: top and bottom of the load, at the bulkhead, midway between the bulkhead and bunker partitions, and at the bunker partitions. In addition, they would like air temperatures in the car at the top and bottom of the load at the doors. Obviously, in order to secure accurate temperatures at these points, it will be necessary that inspectors be present when the cars are first opened, and remain there during the unloading process in order to have access to the containers at the bottom of the load.

In addition to these temperature records, an accurate report of the position of the refrigerating equipment, amount of ice, evidence of salt over the bunker ice, condition of the load and containers as to staining, shifting, or breakage damage is also desired.

Since the report desired is only for condition, and primarily for temperatures, it may be reported on F.P.I.-100 forms or on FPI-1 restricted to condition in case the 100 forms are not available. Unless it is necessary for the inspector to wait for some time in order to make his examination, the usual condition inspection fee of \$2.50 would seem proper, but if waiting time is required, it is believed the charge should be based on the rate of \$2.00 per hour.

**2f. VARIATIONS IN CONDITION OF CALIFORNIA VEGETABLE SHIPMENTS**

When some western vegetables such as carrots and broccoli are loaded with the bottoms of the crates tight against the side walls of the car, the product directly adjacent to the side walls is apt to show a different condition than the remainder of the load. This difference seems more noticeable during the hot summer months, or when a car is held on track for any length of time. When the side wall crates are loaded in this manner, it seems to prevent a circulation of cold air, and ice melts faster in these crates. Even when loaded with the bulge next the side walls, these side wall crates will usually show less crushed ice than crates in the remainder of the load. Inspectors should select some side wall row crates as samples, and if loaded with bottoms to the side walls, examine the product in the portion of the crate directly adjacent to the side walls.

**3f. NAME OF FEDERAL SURPLUS COMMODITIES CORPORATION CHANGED**

The attention of all inspectors who have been certifying for the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation is called to the change in the name of that organization. It has been consolidated with the Division of Marketing and Marketing Agreements of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration into one agency known as the Surplus Marketing Administration.



4f. TREAT TIPBURN OF LETTUCE AS CONDITION FACTOR IN RECEIVING MARKETS

A number of inspections during the past year have indicated that tipburn of lettuce which was not evident at shipping point has become quite evident by the time the shipments have reached destination markets. While specific information is not available as to the extent to which this defect may progress or become evident in transit, there seems to be no doubt but that some changes may take place. This defect, therefore, should be treated as a factor of condition in receiving markets until further notice.

5f. DESCRIBING CALIFORNIA ONIONS

A number of market certificates covering recent shipments of California onions from the Stockton district have reported them as "Yellow Globe Onions." The yellow onions from this section generally vary from flat to typical globe shape, and consequently are not properly classified as globe shape. It is believed that "Yellow onions" or "Yellow onions, flat and globe shapes" is a more appropriate description.

See Memorandum 76.

6f. DO NOT WIRE FOR SUPPLIES

A number of collect wires have been received lately from shipping point supervisors requesting license cards, and even personnel cards. It should not be necessary to incur wire expense to secure forms of this kind and similar supplies. At best not more than 24 hours would be lost by using air mail, and supervisors should anticipate their needs for such supplies so that even air mail should not be needed except in emergencies. Every effort is being made to conserve inspection funds which are always insufficient to meet the demands of the service and all inspectors are requested to cooperate in this way.

7f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, American Legion Hall, Foley, Alabama.

For Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Ark.

For Delaware reports wire F.S.Zimmerman, State Board of Agriculture, Dover, Del.

For Georgia reports wire H.M.Riley, 407 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga.

For Kansas reports wire N.D.Sanborn, Chesterfield Hotel, Topeka, Kans.

For Kentucky reports wire J.E.Dickerson, 517 Federal Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

For Mississippi reports wire B.C.Lee, Federal-State Inspection Service, Jackson, Miss.

For Missouri reports wire N.D.Sanborn, Chesterfield Hotel, Topeka, Kansas.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebr.

For Oklahoma reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Oklahoma City, Okla.

For South Carolina watermelons wire F.W. Luffman, Allendale, S.C.

For Tennessee reports wire J.A. Marks, Humboldt, Tenn.

For Texas reports wire H.T.Longino, 200 Federal Bldg., Jacksonville, Texas.

For Virginia reports wire Robert Bier, Parksley, Va.

8f. PLEASE DEDUCT FROM LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

L. Gillarde Co.	79 South Water Market	\$13.90
	Chicago, Ill.	

9f. ENCLOSURE

Circular No. 566 "The Ripening and Repacking of Mature-Green Tomatoes" accompanies this D.L. for each inspector.



OFFICE NOTES

G.R. Blount has been in Allendale, S.C. since July 10 supervising the inspection of watermelons.

D.C. Beeler will return to Chicago tomorrow after having been on a supervisory trip in the Southern States since June 10.

G.Ray Warren has returned to Caribou, Maine but is on leave from July 8 to 31.

While H.S. Moles is on leave from July 15 to 27 and August 14 to 31, Joseph M. Webre will handle his work.

Of the Chicago inspection force, W.J. Bertush is on annual leave from July 8 to August 5; of the New York force, E.G. Batsford will be on leave from July 26 to August 17 and W.C. Hangstafer from July 15 to August 3.

E.E. Conklin will leave Chicago during the latter part of July for a trip of approximately two months to States on the Pacific Coast. This travel is for the purpose of unifying the inspection of fresh prunes in the States of Oregon and Washington and of pears in the states of Oregon, Washington and California.

Paul M. Williams, in charge of Processed Foods Standardization and Inspection, will leave Washington next week for Traverse City, Michigan, Chicago, and Pacific Coast points, in order to be in California during the peak of the canning season. A very heavy volume of work is being handled by the processed foods section in California now, and August and early September will be the peak of the season. Surplus Marketing Administration purchases of dried prunes, dried pears, and raisins still continue in large volume. It is anticipated that heavy purchases will be made of peaches for canning and drying.

H.S. Stiles will be on annual leave from August 1 to September 7, incl.; A.K. Bredin relieving.

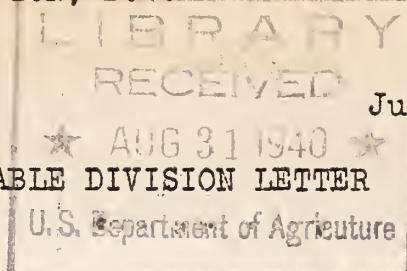
H. L. Geer will be on leave from July 24 to August 17. During Mr. Geer's absence the inspection office at East Providence will be closed.

O.G. Strauss is temporarily in charge of the New Orleans office during the absence of R.C. Elliott who is on leave during the month of July.



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1a. THE USE OF PRIVATELY OWNED AUTOMOBILES:

The former provision of law relative to the use of motor vehicles for official travel on a mileage basis has now been amended so as to read privately owned instead of personally owned. The purpose of this amendment is to permit the use of a privately owned vehicle for official travel regardless of whether the title to the vehicle is vested in the traveler.

Hereafter in all letters of authorization covering the use of motor vehicles for travel on official business the words "privately owned" instead of "personally owned" will be used. It is also suggested that this term be used in those offices where specific letters are issued to cover travel by assistants. The following is quoted from a memorandum of June 19, from the Acting Director of Finance of the Office of Budget and Finance:

"In connection with this subject the Office of Personnel has indicated that several cases have come to the attention of that office involving employees who have used fictitious speedometer readings in claiming reimbursement for the use of privately owned automobiles on official business. It is reported that in some instances the employees have simply estimated their mileage and used fictitious readings to cover the estimated mileage. In some cases mileage has been over-estimated, resulting in over-payment. In other instances it appears that employees have deliberately claimed excessive mileage, and in still others that they have claimed mileage for personal trips, including travel between their headquarters and their homes, and have claimed mileage for purely fictitious trips.

"With a view to preventing incidents of this kind, which necessarily result in disciplinary action and recovery of money improperly claimed and received, it is suggested by the Office of Personnel that specific written instructions on this subject be issued and distributed to all employees who use privately owned automobiles for official business, pointing out the requirements that actual speedometer readings must always be used in claiming reimbursements for mileage and that in addition to any recoveries which may be effected drastic disciplinary action will be taken in the case of any employee who claims mileage to which he is not entitled or who uses fictitious speedometer readings."

This notice constitutes the specific written instructions which the above memorandum directs should be issued.

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2a. USE OF CHAIN ENVELOPE (FOR WASHINGTON EMPLOYEES ONLY)

There is quoted below memorandum dated June 24, from the Chief of the Office of Plant and Operations:

"During the period from May 8 to June 8, 1940, the Department Post Office received approximately 500 pieces of mail in chain envelopes from the various bureaus and offices of the Department which did not bear complete addresses. It was therefore necessary to check each envelope in order to determine the ultimate destination. This operation naturally delays the expeditious handling of the mail.

"In some instances we were able to complete the address, but it was often necessary to return these chain envelopes to the bureau for further information. This additional, and apparently unnecessary, volume of misdirected chain-envelope mail can be eliminated only through close cooperation with all bureaus and offices concerned.

"It will be appreciated if instructions can be issued to all employees advising them of this delay in the handling of their documents and requesting that in every instance where an individual's name is on the envelope the name of the bureau should also appear. Any other information on the envelope, insofar as this office is concerned, is entirely optional with the bureau, but we must have the name of the bureau on all chain envelopes in order to deliver them promptly."

It appears that for inter-bureau mail the name of the bureau is frequently omitted from the address on the chain envelope. This should be remedied in the future. The use of the name of the building as "South Building" "West Wing," etc., in addition to the bureau, is optional with the bureau, and is not required by the Department Post Office on chain envelopes addressed to employees in the Department of Agriculture.

For chain envelopes addressed to employees in the Agricultural Marketing Service, the name of the person and the name of the division or section should be shown, for example:

John Doe,  
Cotton Division.

Room numbers are often wrong because of space changes, etc., and should not generally be used except when the material is taken direct by a messenger.

Chain envelopes should not be used for messages handled by the new U.S. Official Mail and Messenger Service as a more legible address can be given on a plain envelope by the use of the rubber stamp provided. Chain envelopes, therefore, are for use only for messages to employees in the Administration, South, Annex, 224-12th Street buildings and Beltsville, Md.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Mail In

First

Probably

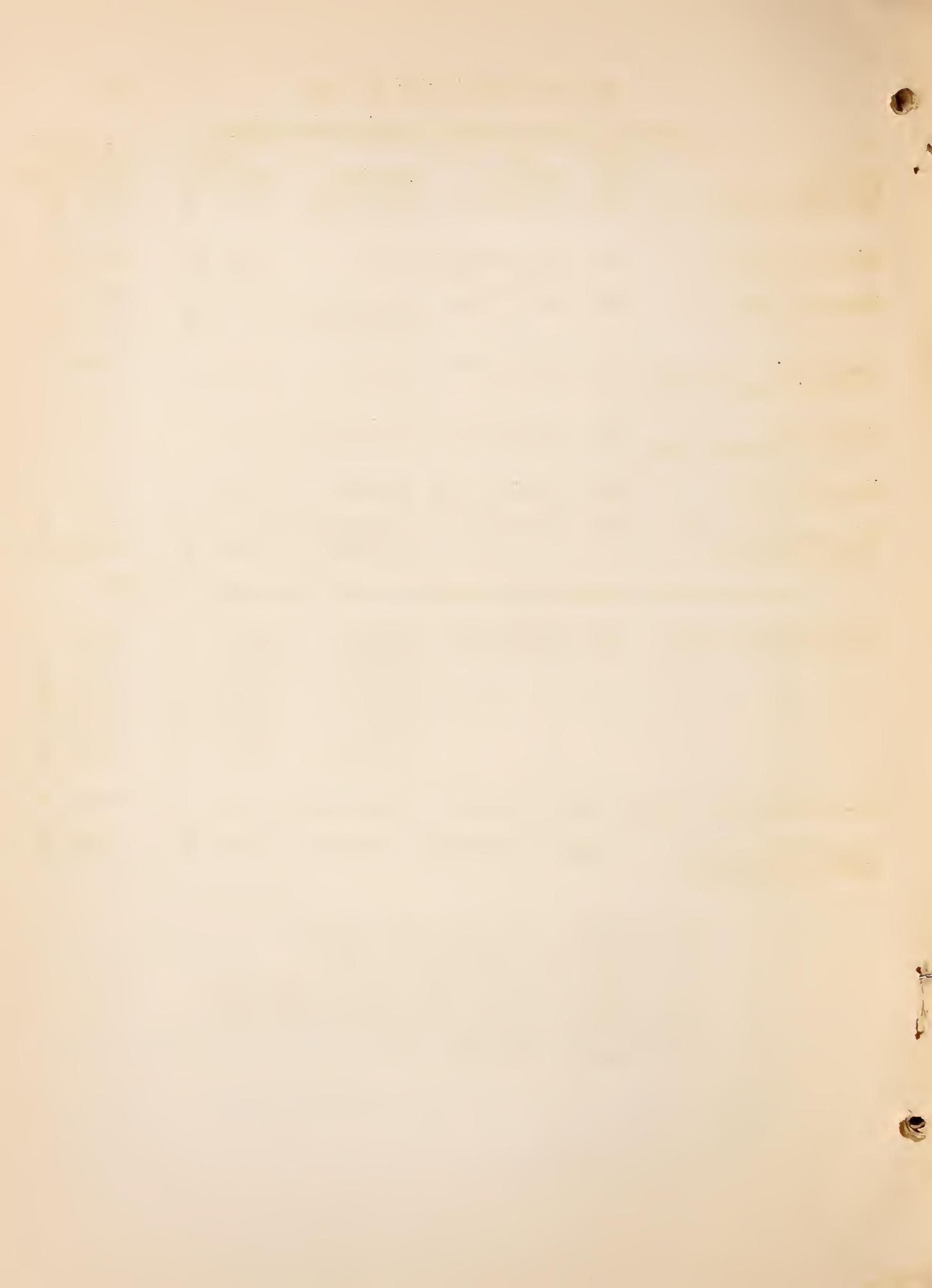
<u>Stations</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Will Close</u>
*Allendale, S.C.	938	J.B.Owens	Cantaloups Watermelons	July 8 " 6	July 26 " 26
*Fresno, Calif.	919	A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 22	Nov. 13
*Hamlet, N.C.	939	H.F.Willson	Peaches Watermelons	July 15 " 22	Aug. 3 " 10
Macon, Ga. 408 Ga. Casualty Bldg.	833	R.E.Keller	Peaches	June 5	July 31
Macon, Ga. 408 Ga. Casualty Bldg.	833	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	July 11	Aug. 2
Nashville, Ark.	873	R.E. Winfrey	Peaches	July 15	Aug. 3
*Pocomoke City, Md. <u>Peninsula Bldg.</u>	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries Potatoes	May 16 June 10	June 4 July 30

## THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Benton Harbor, Mich.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples Berries Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Aug. 4 Aug. 4 Sept. 27 Sept. 12 Aug. 22 Aug. 15 Oct. 3	Nov. 4 Sept. 5 Oct. 14 Oct. 31 Oct. 19 Sept. 20 Oct. 31
Milton-Freewater, Oregon	892	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 5	Aug. 21
Rocky Ford, Colorado	821-G	R.E.Winfrey	Cantaloups	Aug. 17	Sept. 25

\*State cooperating

S. W. Russell - on leave after July 30  
 R. M. Peterson - Baltimore after Aug. 6  
 J. B. Owens - Detroit after July 26  
 J. H. Hunter - New York City office until Dec. 1.  
 Paul Nicholson - Kansas City office after Aug. 1.  
 J. C. Keller - Cincinnati office  
 R. G. Risser - on leave.



-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. REPORT\_FRUIT\_AND\_VEGETABLE\_DISEASE\_HANDBOOKS

Each inspection office which has one of the original sets of either the FRUIT or VEGETABLE handbook is requested to report, at once, to this office the record number of the sets in his possession. A former inquiry disclosed some of these handbooks as missing and if you once had a set in your office but do not now have it, please advise disposition made of it or furnish any information you may have.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, American Legion Hall, Foley, Alabama.

" Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Nashville, Ark.

" Delaware reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, State Board of Agriculture, Dover, Del.

" Georgia reports wire H.M. Riley, 407 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga.

" Kansas reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Topeka, Kans.

" Kentucky reports wire J.E. Dickerson, 517 Federal Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.

" Mississippi reports wire B.C. Lee, Federal-State Inspection Service, Jackson, Miss.

" Missouri reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Topeka, Kansas.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebr.

" South Carolina peaches wire T.W. Ayres, Spartanburg, S.C.

" Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tenn.

" Texas reports wire H.T. Longino, 200 Federal Bldg., Jacksonville, Texas.

" Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Parksley, Va.

3f. PLEASE DEDUCT FROM LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

Savannah Truckers,	Savannah, Ga.	\$1.00
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4f. ENCLOSURE

Copy of Official Grades, Rules and Regulations for the Standardization of Colorado Fruits and Vegetables accompanies this D.L. for each inspector.

F.G. Robb



INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
 (All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

June, 1940.

Cities	Mary	Hospitals	Corps	missional center	Agencies	tutions	Lines	Stamps
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicago	-	8,480	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	581,785	67,455	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	275,160	86,370	-	-	-	-	-
Memphis	-	4,232	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	127,631	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newark	12,993	55,662	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	396,544	103,393	56,344	42,182	228,634	48,136	305,940	722,484
Norfolk	577,590	-	-	2,865	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	174,204	54,723	20,273	-	-	-	-	-
Pittsburgh	-	27,125	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Louis	-	29,030	10,589	-	-	-	-	-
San Diego	1,214,538	-	181,555	5,226	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	2,486,820	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	235,261	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	425,918	-	33,568	2,855	-	-	-	-
Washington, D.C.	-	6,105,653	752,889	388,699	51,128	228,634	25,710	722,484
TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	74,726 $\frac{1}{4}$	510,805 $\frac{1}{4}$
GRAND TOTAL	-	9,835,018	-	-	-	-	-	-

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TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JUNE 1940

(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents)

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Alabama	2635½	Minnesota	6
Arizona	986	Missouri	18
Arkansas	198	Mississippi	1183
California	7893	New York	2
Colorado	202	North Carolina	5590
Delaware	287	North Dakota	11
Florida	2348	Ohio	178
Georgia	1463	Oklahoma	340
Idaho	514	Oregon	304½
Illinois	52½	Pennsylvania	1
Indiana	278	South Carolina	1520
Kansas	19	Tennessee	560
Kentucky	275	Texas	6134
Louisiana	820	Utah	121*
Maine	92	Virginia	4240
Michigan	59	Washington	1122
		Wisconsin	19½
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>39472</u>

\* There were 219 trucklots aggregating 1,884,859 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. Arizona 83, California 130 Georgia 39.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JUNE, 1940

Total      Same Month

Total      Same Month

<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Albany	38*	46	Minneapolis	37	44
Atlanta	27	17	Newark	45	82
Baltimore	44	73	New Haven	18	43
Boston	240	231	New Orleans	67	126
Buffalo	184	197	New York	455	944
Chicago	205	154	Norfolk	12	25
Cincinnati	35	44	Oklahoma City	7	5
Cleveland	167	214	Philadelphia	185	197
Columbus	61	89	Pittsburgh	115	162
Denver	25	35	Portland	28	36
Detroit	376	320	Rochester	58	58
East Providence	39	79	St. Louis	37	59
Fargo	0	1	Salt Lake City	3	4
Fort Worth	5	6	San Francisco	1	0
Harrisburg	2	8	Seattle	15	3
Hartford	66	78	Tampa	0	2
Houston	124	596	Trenton	2	0
Indianapolis	11	24	Washington, D.C.	8	41
Jacksonville	18	38	Total	2842	4188
Kansas City	38	57			
Los Angeles	3	1	Total fees assessed for		Total last year
Memphis	4	8	June, 1940-\$10,832.54		\$14,336.06
Milwaukee	37	41	* Compiled from certificates in file.		

2124 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.

OFFICE NOTES:

Robert Bier is expected back in the Washington office July 29 after spending several months on supervisory work on the Eastern Shore.

D.C. Beeler was in Tennessee with J. A. Marks several days this week.

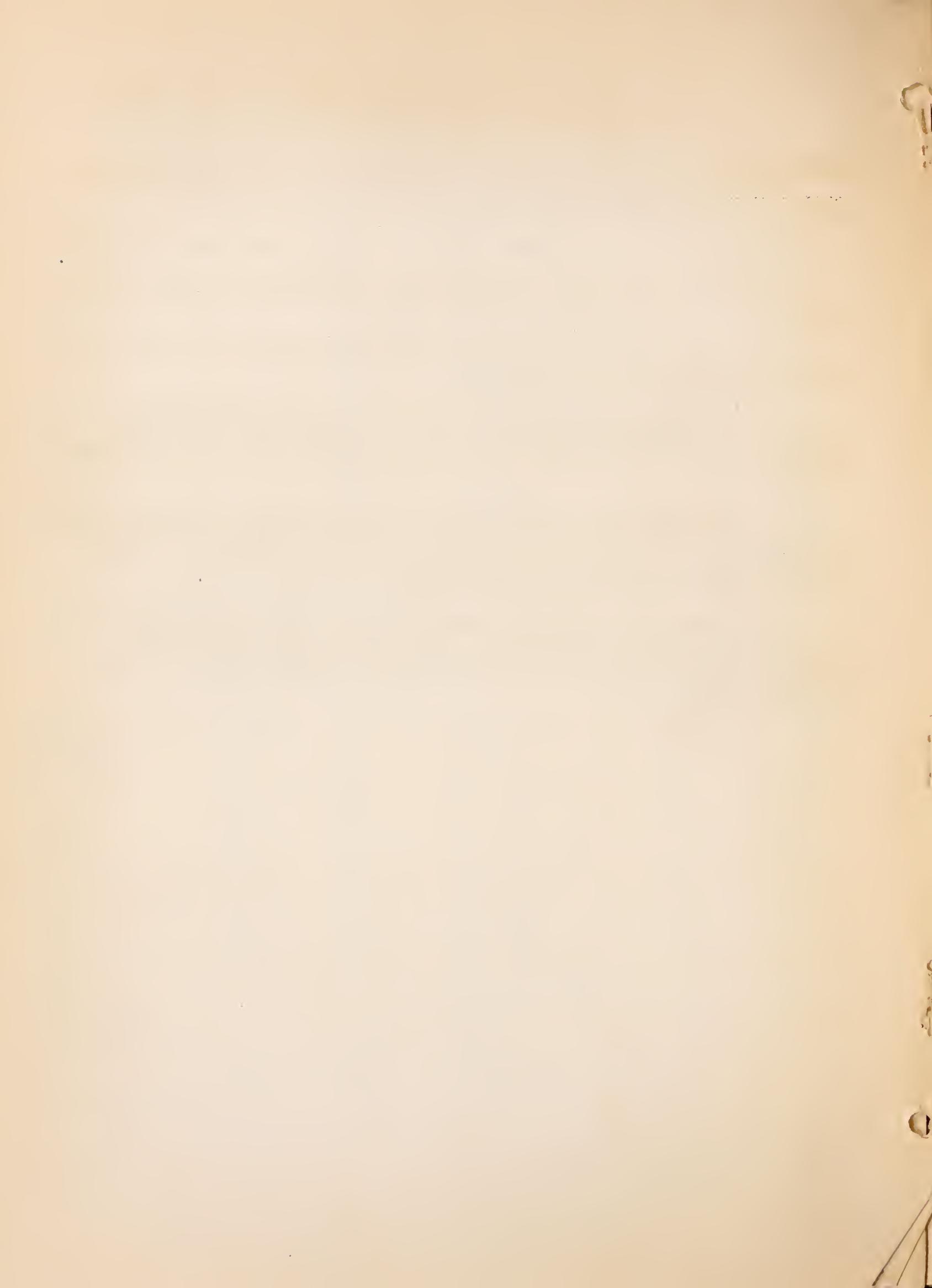
T.W. Ayres will arrive in Spartanburg, S.C. July 28 to supervise the inspection of peaches shipped from that section.

While W.W. Anderson is on leave from August 5 to 24, J. A. Marks will handle inspection work in New Orleans.

The following inspectors are or will be on leave in the Eastern district: L.R. Gibson of Boston from July 8 to August 10; D.L. Lacy of Hartford from July 22 to August 24; and B.H. Rowell of New York from August 5 to 31.

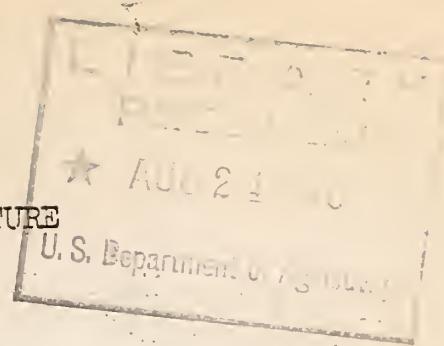
F.G. Robb left on July 25 for a trip to Georgia, and South Carolina where he will confer with Messrs. T.W. Ayres, Geo. E. Prince and H.M. Riley in regard to the supervision of inspection in their territories. He will probably return to Washington about July 31.

The address of the Food Products Inspection office at Columbia, S.C., has been changed from 1106 Lady St., to Room 420, Calhoun State Office building, which is the Old State Office building, corner of Senate and Sumter Sts.



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1b. SUGGESTIONS\_WANTED FOR REVISION\_OF BASES\_OF SALES\_TERMS\_ON GCB PAGE OF CODE  
(Reply requested from all field representatives)

All field offices, including temporary stations, are requested to send to the Washington office as early as possible suggestions for any revisions that they think are necessary of the terms on the GCB page of the code used for bases of sale (English, not code terms). We have realized for some time that several of these terms were in need of rewording, and it seems a good opportunity to consider the whole subject of bases of sale for producing section wires, with a view to revising, where necessary, the phrasing used in the terms, and in reducing their number if possible.

We are especially interested in your comments on the terms "carloads f.o.b. usual terms" and "carloads f.o.b. cash track." For the latter phrase, for example, - (or for whatever wording may be substituted for that type of sale) should transactions involving air mail checks or other methods of payment that are not strictly cash in hand be included.

In your comments, however, please discuss the entire field of bases of sale, giving definitions for all terms that you think are needed to describe all important methods of sale now in use in the various producing areas.

2b. ADDITION\_TO THE D (SHIPMENTS\_AND RECEIPTS)\_PAGE\_OF\_THE\_CODE.  
(Effective At Once)

Confirming the wire sent to all market stations on July 30, add to the D (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS) page of the code

DAP Northern and Central New Jersey Points

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3b. MEN GOING TO TEMPORARY FIELD OFFICES MUST NOTIFY WASHINGTON OFFICE OF REQUIREMENTS (Field men acknowledge)

Recent years have seen so many changes in the relative importance of varieties and containers, and even in the relative importance of markets for different producing sections, that it no longer seems advisable for the Washington office to assume the responsibility of deciding what material should be wired to any field man.

Hereafter, when advising the Washington office of the date on which he expects to open a temporary field office, the man in charge will be expected to give at the same time the city markets for which prices are desired, and the shipping States or sections, containers, varieties, sizes and grades as well, so that, in so far as practical, all unnecessary wire expense may be eliminated. Other material desired, such as reports from other producing areas, should also be specified. Necessary changes or additions to the material wired can be readily made, if desired, after the office has opened or at any time during the time the office is being operated.

All men handling temporary field offices during the year are asked to acknowledge receipt of these instructions, promptly advising whether they are clearly understood.

B.C. Boree

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Mail In

First

Probably

<u>Stations</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Will</u>	<u>Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Mich.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples	Aug. 4	Nov. 4	
205 P.O. Bldg.			Berries	Aug. 4	Sept. 5	
			Grapes	Sept. 27	Oct. 14	
			Onions	Sept. 12	Oct. 31	
			Pears	Aug. 22	Oct. 19	
			Peaches	Aug. 15	Sept. 20	
			Potatoes	Oct. 3	Oct. 31	

*Fresno, Calif.	919	A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 22	Nov. 13	
Holland Bldg.						

*Hamlet, N.C.	939	H.F.Willson	Peaches	July 15	Aug. 13	
212 W.R.Land Store Bldg.			Watermelons	" 22	" 3	

Milton-Freewater, Oregon	892	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 6	Aug. 21	
P.O. Box 126						

Rocky Ford, Colorado 821-G R.E.Winfrey Cantaloups Aug. 12 Sept. 25  
 THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

*Allendale, S.C.	938	J.B.Owens	Cantaloups	July 8	July 26	
			Watermelons	" 6	" 26	

Macon, Ga.	833	R.E.Keller	Peaches	June 5	July 31	
408 Ga. Casualty Bldg.						

Macon, Ga.	833	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	July 11	July 30	
408 Ga. Casualty Bldg.						

Nashville, Ark.	873	R.E.Winfrey	Peaches	July 15	Aug. 3	

*Pocomoke City, Md.	878	S.W.Russell	Strawberries	May 16	June 4	
Peninsula Bldg.			Potatoes	June 10	July 30	

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

Nampa, Idaho	940	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 23	Sept. 18	

*Rochester, N.Y.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples	Sept. 5	May 20	
300 Terminal Bldg.			Cabbage	" 5	Feb. 24	
			Carrots	" 7	May 20	
			Celery	" 5	Jan. 3	
			Grapes	25	Oct. 19	
			Onions	" 5	April 22	
			Pears	" 5	Nov. 4	
			Peaches	" 7	Sept. 28	
			Potatoes	Oct. 7	May 6	

*Waupaca, Wisc.	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 4	March 31	
Court House						

\*State cooperating

S.W.Russell - on leave

R.M.Peterson - Baltimore office

J.B.Owens - Detroit office

J.H.Hunter - New York City office until Dec. 1.

Paul Nicholson - Kansas City office.

J.C.Keller - Pittsburgh office.

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~~STANDARDIZATION SERVICE~~1c. APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES FOR U.S. NO. 1 GRADE OF PEACHES AT DESTINATION

In response to a request for more detailed information regarding the application of tolerances for peaches when inspected at receiving markets, the following has been prepared:

Average percentages of defects allowed for lot

Not over total 12% (10% for damage defects plus 2% additional for soft and decay).  
 " " 7% for soft and decay (part of 12% total).  
 " " 3% " decay (part of 7% for soft and decay).

Percentages of defects allowed in individual package

Not over total 18% ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  times total average of 12%) for soft, decay, and damage by other defects.  
 Not over 15% for damage by other defects.  
 " " 11% ( $1\frac{1}{2}$  times 7%) for soft and decay (included in 18% total).  
 " " 6% for decay (included in 11% total for soft and decay).

**Examples of Maximum Amounts of Defects Permitted in U. S. No. 1  
Grade for Peaches at Destination**

Example	:		:		Total amount	Amount of other	Total amount of all
	Average		Individual	of soft and	defects allowed	defects in individual	packages
	for lot	package	decay in in-	individual	in individual	package	(Percent)
	(Percent)	(Percent)	individual	package	package	(Percent)	:
	Soft	Decay	Soft	Decay	packages	(Percent)	:
	Soft	Decay	Soft	Decay	(Percent)	:	:
A	: 7	: 0	: 11	: 0	11	: 7	: 18
B	: 6	: 1	: 9	: 2	11	: 7	: 18
C	: 5	: 2	: 7	: 4	11	: 7	: 18
D	: 4	: 3	: 5	: 6	11	: 7	: 18
E	: 3	: 3	: 5	: 6	11	: 7	: 18
F	: 2	: 3	: 3	: 6	9	: 9	: 18
G	: 1	: 3	: 2	: 6	8	: 10	: 18
H	: 0	: 3	: 0	: 6	6	: 12	: 18
I	: 0	: 2	: 0	: 4	4	: 14	: 18
J	: 0	: 1	: 0	: 2	2	: 15	: 17
K	: 0	: 0	: 0	: 0	0	: 15	: 15

R.R.Pailthorpe

-INSPECTION SERVICE-1f. NEW WASHINGTON PRUNE GRADE

The State of Washington has promulgated a prune grade which will be known as "Washington No. 1 Prune Grade." This grade is exactly the same as U.S. No. 1 except for a 20% tolerance for under-color instead of 10%, and a total tolerance of 25% instead of 15%. It is understood that this grade will not be used in the marketing agreement area around Walla Walla but will be used to some extent for some shipments from Kennewick and for most shipments around Yakima.

The following is quoted from a report from Mr. F.E. Bailey with reference to the condition of prunes around Yakima: "\*\*\*\*while the fruit generally shows good color because of the unusually cool weather this summer, it is lagging in maturity. This season the Yakima Valley fruit is on the average noticeably later than much of the Walla Walla-Freewater fruit, a situation which is the reverse of last season."

2f. DO NOT ATTEMPT TO GIVE PERCENTAGE OF U.S. NO. 1 WHEN LOT OF ONIONS IS OUT OF GRADE ON ACCOUNT OF STAINING.

A careful reading of paragraph 8(d) of the Definitions of the Standards for Northern Grown Onions will show that staining is to be considered from the standpoint of damage to the lot as a whole rather than to individual specimens. It is not, therefore, practicable to attempt to give a percentage of U.S. No. 1 quality in a lot which fails to grade U.S. No. 1 only on account of staining. It will be proper, however, to make the grade statement read "Fails to grade U.S. No. 1 only on account of excessive staining." The percentages of "appreciable stained" and of "badly stained" onions should, of course, be stated under the quality heading.

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Alabama reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, American Legion Hall, Foley, Alabama.

" Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Arkansas.

" Delaware reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, State Board of Agriculture, Dover, Delaware.

" Georgia reports wire H.M.Riley, 407 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga.

" Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

" Mississippi reports wire B.C.Lee, Federal-State Inspection Service, Jackson, Miss.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Gibbon, Nebr.

" South Carolina peaches wire T.W.Ayres, Post Office Bldg., Spartanburg, S.C.

" Tennessee reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tenn.

" Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Parksley, Va.



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4f. SCHEDULES OF COLLECTIONSIMPORTANT

In preparing Schedule of Collections, Form 1044, your attention is called to the column headed "Detail Description for which Collections were Received". Please show under this heading whether fees are for fruit and vegetable inspections or for processed gradings so that the Accounting Office may credit these fees to the proper project. The addition of the word "Fresh" or "Processed," as the case may be, is desired. For instance "Insp. Fresh F. & V." or "Fresh F. & V. Insp." or "Grading Processed F. & V."

F.G. Robb

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OFFICE NOTES:

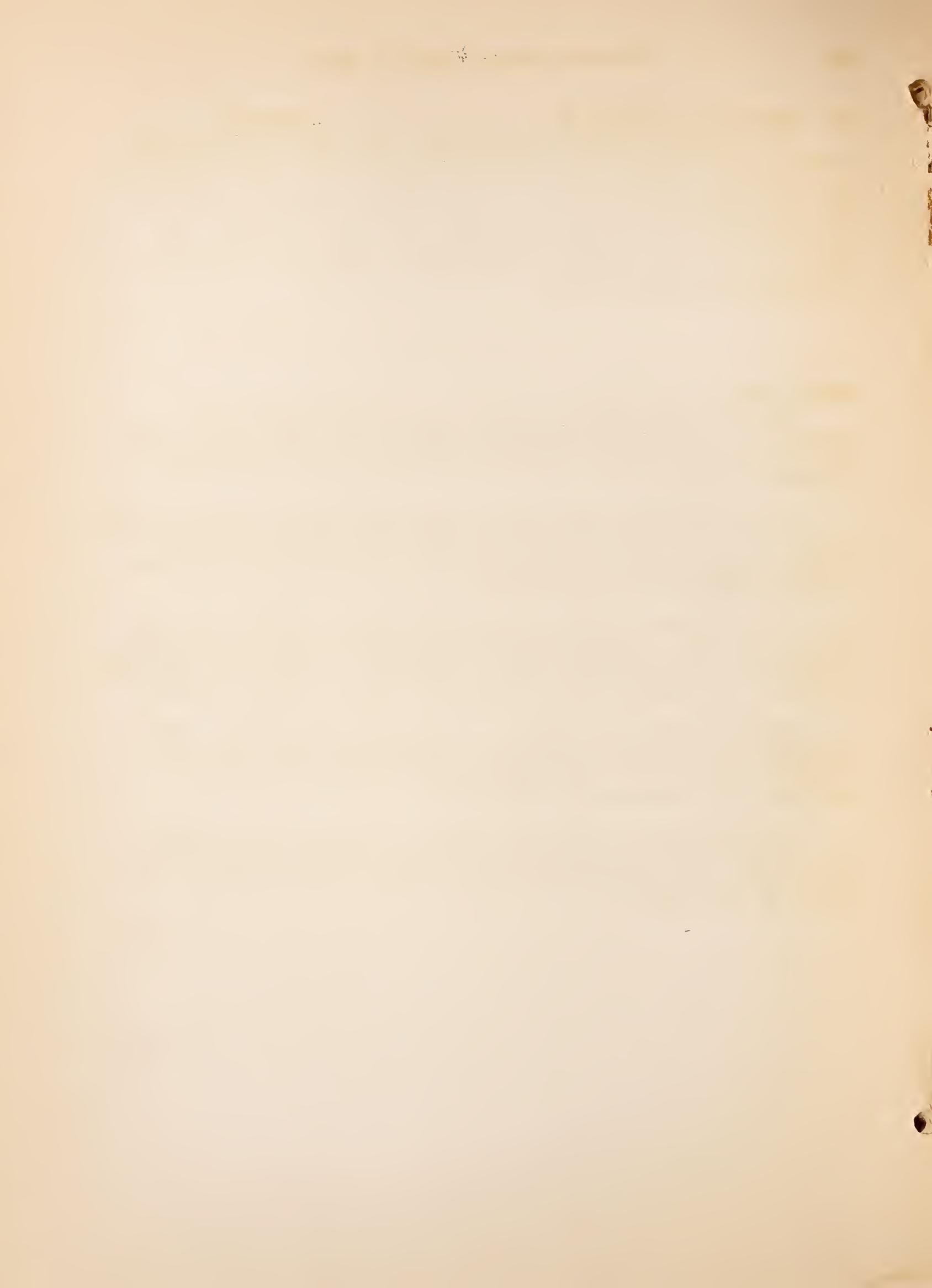
F.G. Robb will attend a meeting of the International Apple Association to be held at Pittsburgh, August 14-15, after which he will spend several days in Ohio, Indiana and Illinois with the inspectors of cannery tomatoes.

H.H. Henderson, of the Norfolk inspection office, will be on leave during the period August 9-27 during which time the Bureau of Animal Industry Inspectors at the Naval Base and the Navy Yard will take care of Navy inspections for this Division.

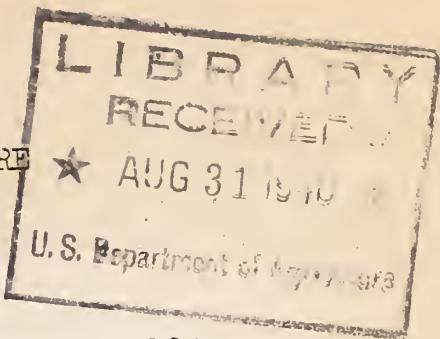
G. Ray Warren recently had the misfortune to fracture his left ankle, which will keep him from performing official duties in the State of Maine for the next several weeks. G.H. Irish, cf the Boston office, will supervise the inspection work on beans and corn for cannery purposes.

C.E. Partridge is in charge of a processed food grading office recently opened at Easton, Maryland, 6 Glenwood Ave. (P.O. Box 706). Telephone: Easton 183. It is expected this office will remain in operation until approximately October 15.

W.W. Morrison, who has been working on a study of preferences for potatoes offered to consumers in Chicago, is now in Washington where he will assist R.L. Spangler for several weeks in the preparation of a report on this study.



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1a. PREPARATION OF PAYROLLS COVERING PER DIEM EMPLOYEES

An employee working on a per diem basis (distinguished from an annual or monthly basis) according to instructions issued August 5, 1940, cannot be paid for Saturday afternoons, Sundays or other Holidays unless the employee has actually worked a full day on such days. If an employee worked only 4 hours on Saturday a notation should be made on the payroll (in the Remarks column) showing "4 hours" and the total amount of salary should include only 4/7 of a day's salary for that day rather than a full day's salary. The same is true of Sundays or other Holidays - in the event an employee should work only a portion of the day. If an employee works on Sundays or Holidays or for longer than 4 hours on Saturday, a statement should appear on the payroll that the employee actually performed service during the time usually taken as a Holiday.

2a. SPEEDOMETER READINGS TO BE REPORTED IN CONNECTION WITH USE OF GOVERNMENT OWNED AUTOMOBILES

In connection with the use of the recently distributed new Form AD-186, to be used in recording the operating cost of Government and State owned automobiles, it will be satisfactory to show the speedometer readings on the first and last day of the month in the column headed "Speedometer Readings."

This form supersedes Forms AE-143 and AMS-15 and is the only form now required for reporting automobile expense.

The space in which the Bureau property number of the automobile should be shown may be left blank until the property number is received from Washington.

3a. AMENDMENTS TO STANDARDIZED GOVERNMENT TRAVEL REGULATIONS

Mimeographed copies of Amendments to Standardized Government Travel Regulations, issued June 11, 1940, are being distributed with this D.L. to each permanent and temporary office.

Division Letter, August 23, 1940

**4a. ADDRESS LISTS**

Mimeographed copies of Divisional "Address Lists" are being distributed with this Division Letter. These lists include (1) Receiving Point Inspection Service, (2) Federal-State Shipping Point Inspection Service, (3) Market News Service, (4) Processed Foods Standardization and Inspection Service and (5) Regulatory Activities, in the order named.

For the convenience of the majority these lists have been stapled together. Possibly there are some employees who may desire copies of only one or two of the lists. For this purpose the set may be taken apart to meet the needs of the individual or, if preferred, the Washington office is in position to supply (to a very limited number) separate copies of each list.

Attention is called to the fact that, in the Market News list, under New Orleans, the name of the boat listed as Mr. Elliott's residence should be Trail Star. All copies should be corrected accordingly.

**5a. GOV.-OWNED CARS OPERATED IN EXCESS OF 50000 MILES WITHOUT ACCIDENT**

A telegraphic survey was made on August 13 for the purpose of determining the number of Divisional employees who have operated Government-owned automobiles in excess of 50,000 miles without an accident of any kind. Fourteen employees, we are pleased to report, responded - one reporting having driven as much as 100,000 miles and one 150,000 miles without an accident. This information was solicited at the request of the Secretary's Office.

Due to the fact that the survey had to be made in a very limited period of time it is possible that some employees were overlooked. If this is true, The Washington office will be glad to have anyone who can qualify report the approximate number of miles (in excess of 50,000) immediately to Mrs. Mills.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

**1b. FIELD STATION CIRCULARIZATIONS**

It will no longer be necessary to include a special request for comments or commendations when circularizing mailing lists. The Washington office has now compiled a summary of all circularizations for one complete year which will satisfy our needs. Hereafter each office's mailing list should be circularized as usual but all special requests for comments or remarks may be omitted. Those that formerly used cards may resume their use. Replies to such circular letters should not be forwarded to the Washington office.

B. C. BOREE

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>First Will</u>	<u>Probably Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Mich. 205 P.O. Bldg.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples Berries Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Aug. 4 Aug. 4 Sept. 27 Sept. 12 Aug. 22 Aug. 15 Oct. 5	Nov. 4 Sent. 5 Oct. 14 Oct. 31 Oct. 19 Sept. 20 Oct. 31	
*Fresno, Calif. Holland Bldg.	919	A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 22	Nov. 13	
Martinsburg, W.Va.	835-R	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 5	Nov. 16	
Nampa, Idaho	940	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 23	Sept. 18	
Rocky Ford, Colorado	821-G	R.E.Winfrey	Cantaloups	Aug. 12	Sept. 25	
*Waupaca, Wisc. <u>Court House</u>	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 3	March 31	
<u>THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED</u>						
*Hamlet, N.C. 212 W.R.Land Store Bldg.	939	H.F.Willson	Peaches Watermelons	July 15 " 22	Aug. 13 " 3	
Milton-Freewater, Oregon <u>P.O. Box 126</u>	892	R.G.Risser	Fresh Prunes	Aug. 6	Aug. 21	
<u>THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED</u>						
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 20	April 16	
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 18	April 30	
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 9 " 11 " 25 " " " Oct. 11	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Jan. 3 Oct. 19 April 22 Nov. 4 Sept. 28 May 6	

\*State cooperating

S.W. Russell - on leave  
 J.B. Owens - Detroit office  
 J.A. Hunter - New York City office until Dec. 1  
 J.C. Keller - Pittsburgh office  
 H.F. Willson - on leave

Division Letter, August 23, 1940

OFFICE NOTES:

W.G. Meal will attend a meeting of The Vegetable Growers Association of America to be held at Philadelphia August 26-29.

L.G.C.Pierce, of the St. Louis inspection office, injured his left shoulder on August 21 while inspecting a car of cauliflower. Walter Kingsbury, of the Chicago office, is relieving Mr. Pierce until he is able to return to duty, which it is expected will be within a few days.

L.V.Bryant, will return to the Chicago office on August 26 from Traverse City, Michigan, where he has, for the past several weeks, been engaged on the inspection and grading of cherries for processing purposes at the packing plant of the Cherry Growers, Inc. This work was conducted under the terms of a cooperative agreement providing for continuous factory inspection during the cherry packing season.

W.E.Lewis, leaving Washington today, will go to Florida in the interest of the citrus standardization work and to attend a meeting of the Seventh Annual Citrus Growers Institute at Camp McQuarrie, Florida.

About August 27 C.D.Shirley will go from his headquarters at Houston, Texas, to San Francisco where he will be engaged on processed foods standardization and inspection work until about October 14. During this time R.M.Ferguson will be in charge of the Houston office.

J.E.Dodds, of the Portland processed foods office, has been assisting with the work of the San Francisco office during the absence of E.P.Bostwick who was called to Ohio about ten days ago due to the serious illness of his mother.

Bolling Hall, of the Atlanta inspection office, is assisting temporarily with the inspection work at Philadelphia.

Being on annual leave, W.W.Anderson of the New Orleans inspection office, visited the Washington office on August 22.

G.B.Crisp, of the N.Y.City office is at Mt. Morris, New York, engaged on continuous factory inspection of corn at the packing plant of Curtice Brothers Company. L.M.Billman, of the Washington processed foods office, is also at Mt. Morris for several days assisting in the conduct of this work, established under the provisions of a cooperative agreement.

H.C.McCoy is handling the inspection work at Cleveland while G.A.Bidleman is on leave August 19-September 7.

F.G.Robb returned to his desk yeaterday after an official trip mentioned in the D.L. of August 9.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-1f. ALABAMA POTATO INSPECTIONS -- 1940

A detailed report covering the inspection of potatoes in Alabama during the past season, under the supervision of T.W.Ayres, is shown below.

Mr. Ayres explains that the figures represent the quality of the crop this past season as affected by freezing, drought and excessive rains during the harvest period. Mr. Ayres also writes that this report covers the entire State of Alabama with the exception of approximately 500 carlots of early potatoes grown in one or two counties where the State Inspection Regulation was not enforced.

ALABAMA POTATO INSPECTION--1940

Total No. of 100-lb. containers moved by rail, truck, and boat--1,643,783 bags

<u>Per cent of each grade for entire crop.</u>					
U.S.No.1-U.S.No.1-Size B-U.S.Commercial	U.S.No.2-U.S.Commercial	Size B-U.S.No.2-Unclassified			
62.7%	17.2%	8.5%	.8%	2.5%	8.3%

Per cent of crop moved by rail, truck, and boat.

No. of bags by rail and boat 1,486,194 - - - - -	Per cent 90.5
Bags by boat alone--22,369	

No. of bags by truck alone 157,589- - - - -	Per cent 9.5
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<u>Per cent of each grade moved by rail and boat</u>					
U.S.No.1-U.S.No.1-Size B-U.S.Commercial	U.S.No.2-U.S.Commercial	Size B-U.S.No.2-Unclassified			
59.4%	15.5%	7.5%	.7%	1.8%	5.6%

<u>Per cent of each grade moved by truck</u>					
3.3%	1.7%	1%	.1%	.7%	2.7%

Counting 250 100-lb. bags minimum car;

Total cars by rail-----	5836
Total cars by truck-----	630
Total cars by boat-----	89
Total cars to storage-----	20

Grand total	6575
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2f. ATTACH TELEGRAMS TO RECEIVING POINT CERTIFICATES

A great many copies of telegrams pertaining to certain receiving point certificates are sent to Washington, but are not attached to the certificates. It will hereafter greatly facilitate filing in Washington if such wires are stapled to the certificates.



3f. REPORT TO WASHINGTON NAMES OF COMPANIES WHICH ARE SLOW IN PAYING INSPECTION FEES

All offices carrying on their lists of applicants those who are habitually slow in making payments and do so only after their obligations have been called to their attention a number of times, may in the future send unpaid bills to Washington a full week after such an applicant received notice of the obligation. It will be the policy of the Washington office to send one notice to such applicants and if prompt response is not received further inspections may be discontinued until all back bills have been paid.

This is not intended to apply to those applicants who regularly pay their bills at stated intervals, such as every two weeks or every month, but only to cases where the applicant is apparently attempting to avoid reasonably prompt payment of his obligations.

4f. NEW SPRAY RESIDUE TOLERANCES

On August 10 the Federal Security Agency, under which the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act is now administered, announced to growers and shippers of apples and pears that "effective immediately, spray residue tolerances for apples and pears shipped within the jurisdiction of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act are set at 0.05 grain of lead per pound and 0.025 grain of arsenic (as arsenic trioxide) per pound.

Regulation 7 of S.R.A. 143, revised, governing the administration of the Export Apple and Pear Act provides that "no certificate shall be issued under this act and these regulations except upon a showing satisfactory to the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics that the apples and/or pears comply with the tolerances for arsenical and lead spray residues established by the Department of Agriculture." (Since July 1, 1939, S.R.A. 143, revised, has been administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service.)

The new tolerances announced above will control in the certification of apples and pears for export. The procedure to be followed in determining compliance with these standards will in general be the same as in the past. Where different procedure is necessary it will be worked out with the individual States.

If any foreign country insists on a different tolerance, special announcement will be made as to the procedure to be followed in issuing export form certificates on lots moving to such country.

5f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

"For Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Ark.

" Delaware reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, State Board of Agriculture, Dover, Delaware.

" Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

" Virginia peach reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

" Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Va.

" West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Berkeley Hotel, Martinsburg, W.Va.



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U.S. Department of Agriculture

FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

Not for publication

1a. MEMORANDUM NO. 874 ENCLOSED

There are being distributed with this issue of the Division Letter, copies of a communication signed on August 22, 1940, by our Chief, Mr. C.W. Kitchen, and Memorandum No. 874, signed by H.A. Wallace, Secretary, on August 6. It is to be noted that the Memorandum No. 874 is to be "signed or initialed" by each technical employee. Due to the fact that initials are often difficult to decipher it is requested that each technical employee use his full signature rather than initials. It is also suggested that these signatures be written on page 3 of the Memorandum No. 874 immediately below the signature of the Secretary. The signed copies should be returned to the Washington office as promptly as possible.

2a. U.S. CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION ANNOUNCED

The United States Civil Service Commission is announcing examinations for Assistant Marketing Specialist (Fruits and Vegetables, Canned or Frozen), \$2600 a year and Junior Marketing Specialist (Fruits and Vegetables, Canned or Frozen), \$2,000 a year. Copies of the announcement are being distributed with this issue of the Division Letter.

3a. ADDRESS LIST CHANGES

On the Receiving Point Inspection Address List, under the city of Tulsa, Oklahoma, insert an address for Fain Cesar (both official and residential) - 2444 East 14th Place. Telephone 6-0422. On this same list - the office address at Cleveland (G.A. Bidelman in charge) should be 4000 East Orange Ave, rather than 400.

On the Federal-State Shipping Point Inspection Address list change the residence address for K.W. Schaible - MICHIGAN - to 5980 Abbott Road, East Lansing, Mich. Mr. Schaible's residence telephone number remains unchanged.

On the Market News Address list, under Fort Worth, Texas, Mr. M.C. Gregory's name is misspelled - "Gergory." It should be "Gregory."

Please make these additions and corrections on all address lists.

4a. CORRECTION - Item 2a of D.L. dated August 23

Item 2a of the D.L. dated August 23, 1940, reads in part as follows: "In connection with the use of the recently distributed new Form AD-186, to be used in recording the operating cost of Government and State-owned automobiles, \* \* \*." The term "state-owned" should not have been used. The fact is that the new Form AD-186 is required in connection with the use of those automobiles on which the State pays the maintenance - but the car is Government-owned.

Division Letter, September 6, 1940

5a. EMPLOYMENT PROVISIONS IN CONNECTION WITH NATIONAL DEFENSE

Upon making inquiry as to the availability for appointment of eligibles from a Civil Service Register, question should be raised as to the eligible's current employment. In the event a person indicates a willingness to accept appointment, but is currently employed in a Defense Agency, (Such as the War Department, Navy Department, Civil Aeronautics, etc.,) the case must be referred to the Washington office for determination as to the eligible's availability for appointment. This pertains also to proposed reinstatement of persons who, within 30 days, were separated from a Defense Agency.

6a. VOUCHERS COVERING PAYMENTS UNDER CONTRACT - IMPORTANT

Effective immediately vouchers covering rental of office space under contract (lease) should be mailed direct to the Washington office of the Section of Budgets and Accounts, Agricultural Marketing Service, rather than to the Division. In this connection, the Business Manager requests that these vouchers be mailed on the first day of each succeeding rental month or as early as possible after the close of the month in order to insure quicker payment thereof.

It is further requested that all other vouchers covering payments under contract be expedited as much as possible and routed through the Washington divisional office - ONLY those vouchers covering rent of office space to be mailed direct to the Section of Budget and Accounts.

## -MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. MICHIGAN PRODUCTS

Harvesting of Michigan fruit is generally about ten days to two weeks later than usual. The extremely late spring and delayed blossoming time, as well as the cold rainy weather during June, caused this delay.

Rainfall has been heavy during the last two weeks of August, and may cause damage to potatoes from late blight and to onions maturing in the fields by inducing neck rot in bulbs not completely cured. Recent rains have been damaging to peaches just maturing, but beneficial to other growing fruit.

Peaches: Peaches are estimated at about 60 percent of a crop due to winter kill of buds in orchards in the southern part of the West Michigan fruit belt situated too far away from Lake Michigan to secure frost protection from the Lake. Damage was mostly to Elbertas, with most earlier varieties showing fair crops. Harvesting of Rochesterers, South Havens, Golden Jubilees, and Hale Havens became active this week, August 25 - 31. Heavy rains occurring daily this week have impaired quality and condition of all fruit offered for sale. Fruit is becoming soft and full of water. Elbertas are expected to start the week of September 2 - 7, and be in their peak September 8 - 14.

Apples: The apple harvest is late. The Duchess crop is just cleaning up and a few Wealthys are starting to move. Most growers with apples also have peaches and with peaches maturing and requiring immediate attention, they have been busy the past week with this crop. This situation will likely continue for the next two weeks. The Duchess crop was light and of generally poor quality. Heavy rains in May and June caused a light set and scab infestation. Also, many Duchess orchards have been pulled out or grafted to more profitable varieties. Supply of Duchess was about in accordance with demand, with this decrease, and for the first time in many years, fair prices were received. Most fruit moved at prices from \$.80-1.10 per bushel cash to grower with an active demand for all offerings. Fall and winter varieties will be late. The crops are generally light and affected with scab due to cold rainy weather during the spring.

Grapes: First offerings of Champion grapes were noted during the past two days. However, volume of early varieties is not expected for a week or two. Grapes are as late as other fruits. The set was good and a full crop is expected. Many vineyards have been neglected because of many seasons of poor prices so a rather wide range in quality is expected.

Pears: The Clapp Favorite pear harvest is about completed and Bartletts are just starting. Canners have contracted the bulk of the Bartlett tonnage. They are paying \$40.00 per ton for two inch and larger stock. The movement of fresh stock will be light as most growers have taken canner contracts.

Potatoes: The early Cobbler crop in the Bay City section has been harvested and potatoes now moving are coming from a few of the muck sections. The regular late crop is still in process of making. The outlook for the late crop has been excellent up until this week, but recent heavy rains may cause some blight damage.

Onions: Set onions have been harvested and seed onions have not started to move. (R.E.Keller, 8/29/40)

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail In</u>	<u>List Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Probably</u>
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\*Waupaca, Wisc.  
Court House

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 23	April 16
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*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 1	June 12
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*Presque Isle, Maine <u>Federal Bldg.</u>	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 11	April 30
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\*State cooperating

W.D. Hull - On leave  
J.B. Owens - Detroit office  
J.A. Hunter - New York City office until Dec. 1  
H.F. Willson-Lakeland, Fla.

**-INSPECTION SERVICE-**

**1f. SPRAY RESIDUE ON APPLES AND PEARS FOR EXPORT**

Regulation 7 of S.R.A. 143, revised, provides that "No certificate shall be issued under this act and these regulations except upon a showing satisfactory to the Chief of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics that the apples and/or pears comply with the tolerances for arsenical and lead spray residues established by the Department of Agriculture" (Since July 1, 1939, S.R.A. 143, revised, has been administered by the Agricultural Marketing Service). It will be the policy of the Inspection Service in the future to pass without question as to residue any lot of apples which State authorities have permitted to be shipped in interstate commerce unless it is known that Federal authorities have taken samples in order to determine whether such a lot complies with the recently established tolerances of 0.025 grain per pound for arsenic and 0.05 grain of lead. The exception to this general policy will be when unanalyzed fruit shows readily visible residue in which case the applicant will be advised that analysis will be necessary before an Export Form Certificate can be issued. Samples for analysis should be taken by the inspector in the same way as in the past. If the analysis shows the fruit to be within the recently established tolerances the usual Export Form Certificate will be issued. If it should show residues in excess of these tolerances no certificate is to be issued and the facts relating to the case, including the results of the analysis, should be forwarded to the Washington office.

**2f. U.S. STANDARDS FOR GRADES OF CANNED TOMATOES**

The United States Standards for Grades of Canned Tomatoes have been revised and promulgated by the Acting Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Grover B. Hill, having been signed by him August 17, 1940, to be in force and effect September 16, 1940. These grades are being mimeographed, and copies will be sent to field offices as well as to the trade as soon as they are ready. Inspectors desiring extra copies should advise the Washington office.

**3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION**

For Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Ark.

" Delaware reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, State Board of Agriculture, Dover, Delaware.

" Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

" Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

" Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Va.

" West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Berkeley Hotel, Martinsburg, W. Va.

**4f. Enclosures:**

Copies of State of Washington Official Standards for Italian Prunes for 1940 and Washington Standards for D'anjou, Bose, Winter Nelis and Other Varieties of Winter Pears accompany this D.L. for each inspector.



TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JULY, 1940  
 (l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Alabama	130	Minnesota	2
Arkansas	735	Mississippi	216 $\frac{1}{2}$
Arizona	53	New Jersey	28
Delaware	168	New York	18
California	6618 $\frac{1}{2}$	North Carolina	1720
Colorado	987 $\frac{1}{2}$	Ohio	216 $\frac{1}{2}$
Florida	220	Oklahoma	98
Georgia	6934	Oregon	473
Idaho	999	Pennsylvania	7
Illinois	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	South Carolina	2417
Indiana	51	Tennessee	1602 $\frac{1}{2}$
Iowa	168	Texas	1101
Kansas	698	Utah	64*
Kentucky	44	Washington	847
Louisiana	215	West Virginia	28
Michigan	121 3/4	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>27,080 3/4</u>

\* There were 322 trucklots aggregating 3,007,202 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received - Nebraska, Maryland, Missouri, and Virginia.

Inspections for F.S.C.C. not included in the above: California 779, New Jersey 4.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING JULY, 1940.</u>					
Total	Same Month	Total	Same Month		
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Albany	34	24	Minneapolis	21	32
Atlanta	19	13	Newark	19	38
Baltimore	13	24	New Haven	19	36
Boston	304	320	New Orleans	67	119
Buffalo	100	145	New York	598	459
Chicago	175	167	Norfolk	20	9
Cincinnati	22	23	Oklahoma City	3	3
Cleveland	178	186	Philadelphia	139	83
Columbus	50	46	Pittsburgh	127	106
Denver	26	20	Portland	11	26
Detroit	319	211	Rochester	52	18
East Providence	27	28	St. Louis	42	54
Fargo	0	1	San Francisco	1	1
Fort Worth	6	8	Seattle	4	67
Hartford	41	59	Trenton	5	0
Houston	87	150	Washington, D.C.	20	110
Indianapolis	7	5	Total	2672	2742
Jacksonville	32	60	Total fees assessed for	Total last year	
Kansas City	48	50	July, 1940 \$10,325.49	\$10,167.33	
Los Angeles	4	3	1807 cars inspected for Western Perishable		
Memphis	0	3	Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.		
Milwaukee	32	55			

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
(All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

July, 1940.

MRS. ELVIE W. POUSSON

The Washington office was shocked on the morning of August 28 when a telegram was received from the New Orleans office to the effect that Mrs. Elvie W. Pousson, a clerk in that office, had been fatally injured in an automobile accident en route to the office and had passed away at nine o'clock in a local hospital. Mrs. Pousson had served in the Fruit and Vegetable office at New Orleans since December, 1936, having transferred from the Grain Division at New Orleans, where she had been employed since April, 1931.

In the words of Mr. W.W. Anderson, in charge of the New Orleans inspection office: "Mrs. Pousson's untiring and excellent work, unsurpassed cooperation and enthusiastic devotion to duty won her the highest praise. She was affable, sincere, a lover of beauty and art and had a host of friends in both private life and our Department. Our work, the Department, and we as individuals, have lost an ardent companion and friend and we shall greatly miss her."

Mrs. Pousson is survived by her husband, mother and several brothers and sisters, to whom we extend our warmest sympathy.

OFFICE NOTES:

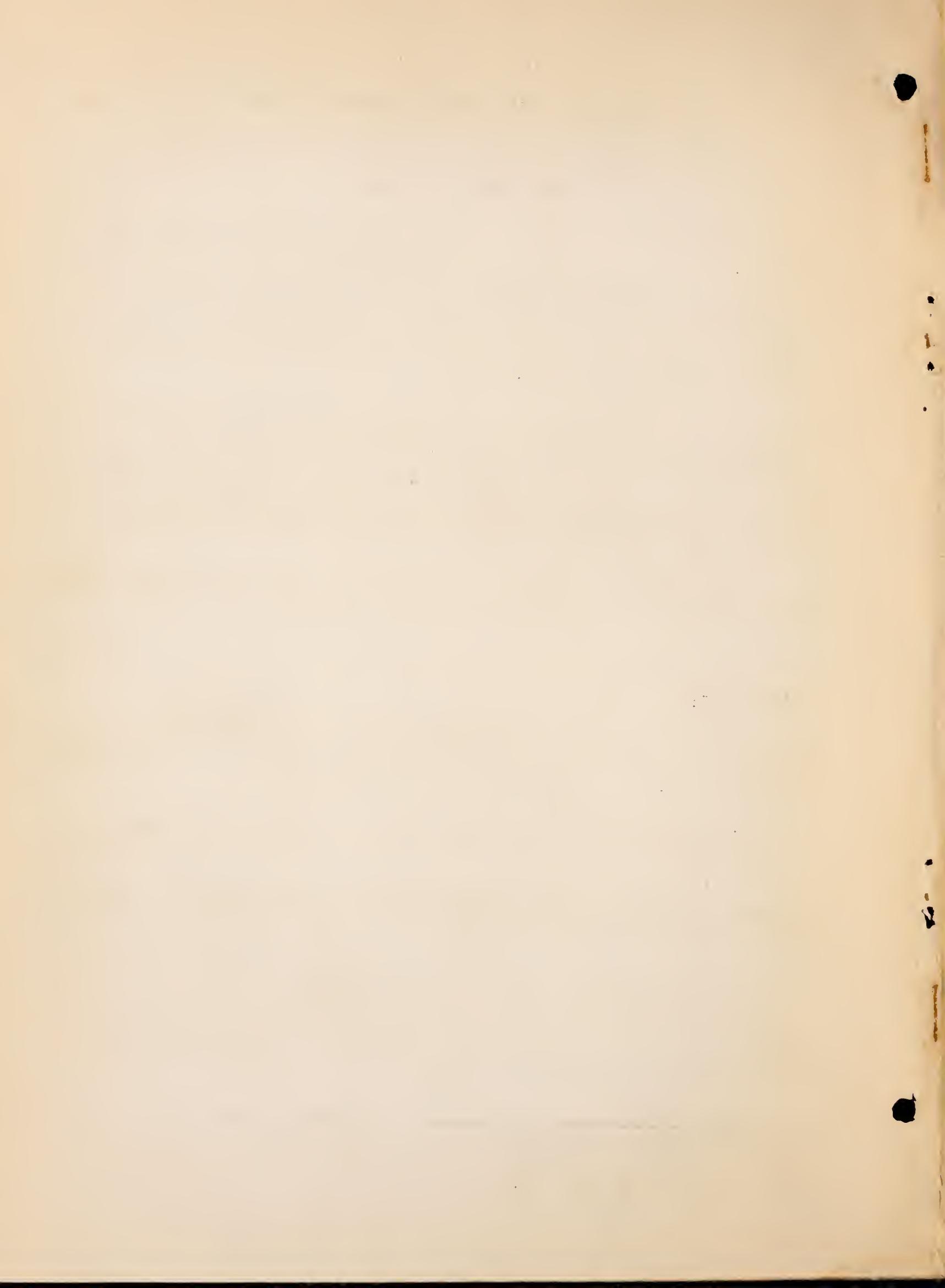
The Miami, Florida, inspection office has been reopened, Fred W. Luffman having returned to his duties there on September 2. Mr. Luffman's address at Miami is shown in the receiving point inspection address list recently issued.

O.G. Strauss is at Fort Worth, Texas, relieving M.C. Gregory who is on leave until September 23.

The Washington office extends sympathy to E.P. Bostwick, of the San Francisco Processed Foods office, in the loss of his mother who passed away on August 27 at Pataskala, Ohio.

D.C. Beeler reports, under date of September 3, that several recent hail storms in the Arkansas Valley in Colorado had caused considerable damage to the melon crop, but prospects seem to indicate about the same volume of shipments as last season. He plans on spending parts of the next three weeks with cannery tomato graders in the States of Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

In a communication dated August 30 J.A. Marks advised that he expected to reopen the Memphis, Tenn., office on September 3 and that applicants for receiving market inspection will have their requests taken care of after that date.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. CHRISTMAS MAILINGS

We are requested to advise all offices to withhold from the mails during the period December 10-26 all bulk mailings of pamphlets, books, forms and other printed or mimeographed matter. This request in no way affects the handling of ordinary official correspondence.

We are also requested to ask each office to anticipate its needs for supplies sufficiently in advance of this period to effect delivery before December 10.

2a. A REMINDER

Do not forget to count and weigh the mail during October.

3a. WASHINGTON OFFICE ON WINTER HOUR SCHEDULE

Effective October 1 the Washington office reverts to the official hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, inclusive, and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

4a. ADDRESS LIST CORRECTION

The Inspection (Receiving Point) address list, recently published, under East Providence shows H. L. Greer in charge. The name is misspelled. It should be Geer. Please make this correction on all lists.

Division Letter, September 20, 1940

## -MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. ADDITION TO THE KA-KE-KI (APPLES) PAGE OF THE CODE  
(Effective Sept. 28)

On the KA-KE-KI (APPLES) page of the code add

KIBUV 1 1/8 bushel crates

Mr. Peterson advised that this container is being used in the Martinsburg area, and recommended a code addition.

2b. INSTRUCTIONS FOR PREPARING REQUESTS FOR ADDRESSOGRAPH PLATES:

All field offices and temporary field offices now sending requests for addressograph plates (Form MS-15) to the Washington office for cutting are requested to use only the space in the center column under "Name and Address," leaving the left and right-hand columns blank. The name, street or R.F.D. number, and city and State, should be on different lines, single-spaced. A double space should separate the individual addresses. Capital letters and no punctuation are preferable on the request forms. Lower case letters, single spaced throughout, makes reading of the addresses difficult and lessens accuracy in the plate-cutting section.

3b. NEW YORK PRODUCTS

All crops in Western New York are one to two weeks late. The principal crop now moving is onions. Quality is good, although sizes are reported to be smaller than usual. The demand has slowed down the past few days and prices have weakened slightly. Carlot prices yesterday (Sept. 13) ranged 60-62 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per 50-lb. sack.

Domestic cabbage is now moving in moderate volume, but the demand and prices are not satisfactory. Kraut factories have not commenced operations, but are expected to start in a week or two. Only small amounts of Danish type cabbage are now available.

Harvesting of early Celery is progressing rapidly. Weather conditions have been favorable for growth and quality is generally good. Prices were stronger last week, but have had a weaker reaction this week. Large sizes in ten-inch crates sold yesterday at \$1.50, in carload lots.

The muck potato crop is now moving in volume, mostly to up-State markets. A moderate movement of upland stock is now available, mostly from Steuben County (Little Maine). Frosts in August did some damage to the crop. Production is now estimated at 1,988,000 bushels from the up-State muck regions, and at 13,071,000 bushels from the up-State upland sections.

The apple movement is light. The principal varieties now moving are Wealthys and Twenty Ounce. F.o.b. sales have ranged 90-95¢ for Wealthys and 85¢-\$1.00 for Twenty Ounce, per bushel basket.

NEW YORK PRODUCTS (cont'd)

The Bartlett pear harvest is about completed. Movement is now from packing houses, but a small amount is moving from cold storage. Bushel baskets have been selling at \$1.05-\$1.25 f.o.b. The Clapp's Favorite season is over. Seckels are just commencing.

The Elberta peach crop is expected to begin moving the latter part of next week. Grapes are late and growers fear late varieties may not reach maturity before the usual date for killing frosts. (J.C.Keller, 9/14/40).

4b. ITALIAN FRESH PRUNE CROP

The 1940 marketing season for fresh Italian prunes has been one of general satisfaction to f.o.b. buyers and others concerned in the market for Oregon, Washington, and Idaho shipments. Carlot buyers at points of origin have fared especially well. The markets have been well maintained from the first part of August to the middle of September.

The Marketing Agreement was again in effect in the Milton-Walla Walla District where shipments were held at a maximum of 810 tons per day and were spread out over a little longer period than usual. Purchases for relief were made by the Surplus Marketing Administration through its Freewater office in August and through its Payette office in September. The timing of the SMA purchase in Freewater proved very advantageous preventing an accumulation of unsold cars at a critical stage in the marketing period. An unusual cannery demand for Yakima and Freewater prunes also had a very beneficial effect.

As the Milton-Walla Walla season drew to a close, preseason trading in Idaho became active and a large part of the crop was tied up in advance. Buyers continued to purchase single car and block quantities. Chain interests both in the Eastern and Western part of the country reported an exceptionally good volume of business.

Pyramid boxes were used extensively for the first time in Oregon and Washington as an additional package and they were tried in a small way in Idaho. These containers should not be called lugs as they do not have the flat shape of a lug. Their appearance resembles the pyramid asparagus crates. They will be used again next season. (Ralph G. Risser, 9/15/40)

5b. POTOMAC YARD PASSINGS - PERIOD 1939-40

September through August.

A total of 62,858 cars of 51 different fruits and vegetables were forwarded to Northern markets through Potomac Yard, Virginia, during the period of September 1, 1939 - August 31, 1940. This was 6,908 cars less than the passings for the corresponding period in 1938-39 and 2,522 cars less than the five-year average of the 1935-1940 period. The unusually cold weather during the early months of 1940 in the Southern producing areas and the increased use of trucks for hauling to the Northern markets were largely responsible for the decrease which was reflected in the passings of most commodities. Potatoes, Cabbage and Watermelons were the only ones to show increases for the season. Leading commodities showing decreases were Apples, Beans, Celery, Cucumbers, Grapefruit, Mixed Citrus, Mixed Vegetables, Oranges, Sweet-potatoes, Tangerines and Tomatoes. Orange passings through Potomac Yard dropped 426 cars from the figure of the preceding year; Grapefruit figures were 2,253 cars less; Mixed Citrus fell off 1,185 cars; Tomato passings dropped 1,195 cars and Beans 1,178 cars. Cabbage passings increased 1,797 cars, Watermelons 826 cars and Potatoes 1,462 cars. Passings of Potatoes, 7,911 cars, were the heaviest since the 1930-31 season, when 10,843 cars moved through Potomac Yard for Northern markets.

Division Letter, September 20, 1940

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Mail In First Probably

Stations List Charge Products Bulletin Will Close

\*Benton Harbor, Mich. 838 R.E.Keller Apples Aug. 4 Nov. 4  
 205 P.O. Bldg. Berries Aug. 4 Sept. 5  
 Grapes Sept. 27 Oct. 14  
 Onions Sept. 12 Oct. 31  
 Pears Aug. 22 Oct. 19  
 Peaches Aug. 15 Sept. 20  
 Potatoes Oct. 3 Oct. 31

\*Fresno, Calif. 919 A.M.McDowell Grapes July 22 Nov. 13  
 Holland Bldg.

Idaho Falls, Idaho 845-R R.G.Risser Potatoes Sept. 23 April 16  
 206 Federal Bldg.

Martinsburg, W.Va. 835-B R.M.Peterson Apples Sept. 17 Nov. 16

\*Presque Isle, Maine 842-R S.W.Russell Potatoes Sept. 17 April 30  
 Federal Bldg.

\*Rochester, N.Y. 837 J.C.Keller Apples Sept. 9 May 20  
 300 Terminal Bldg. Cabbage " 9 Feb. 24  
 Carrots " 11 May 20  
 Celery " 9 Jan. 3  
 Grapes " 25 Oct. 19  
 Onions " 9 April 22  
 Pears " 9 Nov. 4  
 Peaches " 18 Sept. 28  
 Potatoes Sept. 16 May 6

\*Waupaca, Wisc. 894-R P.A.Nicholson Potatoes Sept. 3 March 31  
Court House

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATES INDICATED

\*Lakeland, Fla. 920 H.F.Willson Citrus Fruits Oct. 1 June 12  
 P.O. Box 191

\*Weslaco, Texas 931 R.E.Winfrey Citrus Oct. 21 March 31  
P.O. Bldg. Vegetables Nov. 18 May 31

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON THE DATES INDICATED

Nampa, Idaho 940 R.G.Risser Fresh Prunes Aug. 23 Sept. 13

Rocky Ford, Colorado 821-G R.E.Winfrey Cantaloups Aug. 12 Sept. 25

\*State cooperating

J.B. Owens - on leave

J.A. Hunter-New York City office until Dec. 1

## MONTHLY SUMMARY OF POTOMAC YARD PASSINGS OF CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

COMMODITIES	Sept. cars	Oct. cars	Nov. cars	Dec. cars	Jan. cars	Feb. cars	Mar. cars	Apr. cars	May cars	June cars	July cars	Aug. cars	TOTAL cars
Apples	119	172	38	24	35	57	55	49	6	4	-	3	542
Beans	-	105	276	250	282	55	9	382	476	94	2	-	1951
Cabbage	8	4	66	223	501	557	665	1447	1071	69	2	15	4628
Celery	-	-	3	19	459	692	888	1241	595	47	-	-	3944
Cucumbers	24	83	22	1	-	-	-	69	417	364	47	-	1027
Grapefruit	43	1030	866	485	480	609	545	590	254	98	7	2	4989
Mixed Citrus	1	159	706	695	577	377	355	197	74	18	-	-	3159
Mixed Vgts.	-	1	68	187	154	103	135	149	80	38	6	-	921
Oranges	-	894	2144	1974	2281	2040	2052	1295	613	118	7	4	13422
Peaches	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	668	2737	1835	5241
Potatoes	-	-	1	11	94	67	56	344	3132	4089	116	1	7911
Sweetpotatoes	7	37	92	123	93	95	58	19	4	-	13	13	554
Tangerines	-	27	343	442	302	60	3	1	-	-	-	-	1178
Tomatoes	-	1	47	190	246	35	11	180	1837	1483	126	5	4161
Watermelons	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1965	4177	360	6504
Other F. & V.	6	21	165	329	532	225	223	268	531	302	135	9	2746
TOTAL	208	2534	4837	4953	6036	4952	5055	6231	9073	9357	7375	2247	62858

SUMMARY OF POTOMAC YARD PASSINGS WITH  
FIVE YEAR AVERAGES OF CERTAIN FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

	<u>1935-36</u> cars	<u>1936-37</u> cars	<u>1937-38</u> cars	<u>1938-39</u> cars	<u>1939-40</u> cars	<u>5 Yr. Tot.</u> cars	<u>5 Yr. Avg.</u> cars
September	* 781	* 407	* 552	747	208	2695	539
October	1512	1567	3232	2286	2534	11131	2226
November	1865	4433	3939	4628	4837	19702	3940
December	2688	5240	4902	5586	4953	23369	4674
January	3940	7483	5612	6630	6036	29701	5940
February	4560	5712	6292	6666	4952	28182	5637
March	6001	6164	8920	7210	5055	33350	6670
April	6400	6954	10731	8180	6231	38496	7699
May	8777	7850	10709	10127	9073	46536	9307
June	8769	9645	8650	8868	9357	45289	9058
July	9191	8250	7254	7214	7375	39284	7857
August	2594	2097	602	1624	2247	9164	1833
Total	57078	65802	71395	69766	62858	326899	65380
Apples	#	#	1987	1090	542	@ 3619	% 1206
Beans	3330	4457	4136	3109	1931	16963	3393
Cabbage	3021	3600	4714	2831	4628	18794	3759
Celery	3978	5031	4266	4171	3944	21390	4278
Cucumbers	#	#	1547	1079	1027	@ 3653	% 1218
Grapefruit	2538	6636	5250	7242	4989	26655	5331
Mixed Citrus	576	2310	2780	4344	3159	13169	2634
Mixed Vgts.	#	#	1695	1376	921	@ 3992	% 1331
Oranges	6407	8972	12849	15898	13422	57548	11510
Peaches	6650	4425	6619	5527	5241	28462	5692
Potatoes	4374	6854	5758	6449	7911	31346	6269
Sweetpotatoes	#	#	469	986	554	@ 2009	% 670
Tangerines	#	#	1004	1570	1178	@ 3752	% 1251
Tomatoes	5008	4638	7283	5356	4161	26446	5289
Watermelons	8211	9265	6998	5678	6504	36656	7331
Other F.& V.	12985	9614	4040	3060	2746	32445	4218
Total	57078	65802	71395	69766	62858	326899	65380

\* Revised figures.

# Included in other Fruits and Vegetables.

@ 3 Year total.

% 3 Year average.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION  
 For Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Ark.  
 " Delaware reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, State Board  
     of Agriculture, Dover, Delaware.  
 " Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
     Warsaw, Indiana.  
 " Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
     Nebraska.  
 " Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
     417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.  
 " Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
     Onley, Va.  
 " West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Berkeley Hotel, Martinsburg,  
     W. Va.

2f. DISCONTINUE SUCH STATEMENTS AS "LOAD IN GOOD ORDER"

It has long been the practice in some shipping points to follow the description of the load with some such notation as "Load and containers in good order." The Freight Container Bureau of the Association of American Railroads has questioned the accuracy of such statements in some instances and has questioned whether the inspector is always in position to approve the loading in such unqualified terms. A statement of this kind is interpreted to mean that each package is in proper place, that all cross stripping is properly placed and nailed, that the center bracing is of proper strength and that the load is tight so that no end or side movement is possible.

It is obvious that when an inspector sees a car only at certain intervals during the process of loading he is not in position to positively certify to all points implied by such a statement as "Load in good order." In the future, therefore, such statements should be omitted. The usual description of the load as to number of layers, stacks, rows, etc. should be made, but without comment as to whether the loading has been properly done.

3f. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATION NO. 361.

Miscellaneous Publication No. 361, entitled "Descriptions of Types of Principal American Varieties of Orange-Fleshed Carrots" has been mailed to each inspector, under separate cover, since issuance of the last Division Letter.

Robert Bier

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-1d. EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW CANNED TOMATO STANDARDS CHANGED

Copies of the recently promulgated revised standards for grades of canned tomatoes were mailed each of the processed foods inspection offices. Since the effective date of September 16 fell about mid-way in the packing season and quite a number of contracts have been executed on the basis of the old standards for delivery after that date, it was felt best to so adjust the effective date as to make the new standards effective just prior to the 1941 canning season. The Secretary has approved the change in the effective date, making the new standards effective April 1, 1941. In the meantime the old standards will remain in effect until that date. The effective date should be changed on all new standards which may now be in the possession of any of the offices.

PAUL M. WILLIAMS

Division Letter, September 20, 1940

OFFICE NOTES

Word was received in the Washington office on September 6 (too late to publish in the last D.L.) to the effect that E.J. Maynard passed away on that date at Chicago, Illinois. Mr. Maynard was appointed as an inspector in the Chicago office in August, 1918, where he was continuously employed until July, 1928, when he was obliged to abandon his work as the result of an injury received while in line of duty. He was never able to resume his work.

Wm. E. Paulson being on annual leave, was a visitor in the Washington office September 19.

Paul M. Williams has returned to his desk after spending several weeks on the West Coast in connection with a heavy load of processed food inspection work in that territory.

In the Division Letter of August 23 it was stated that L. G. C. Pierce, of the St. Louis inspection office, had injured his left shoulder on August 21 while inspecting a car of cauliflower and that Walter Kingsbury, of the Chicago office, was relieving Mr. Pierce until he was able to return to duty which, it was expected, would be within a few days. Mr. Pierce, unfortunately, suffered a broken left shoulder and has not yet returned to duty although he is no longer confined to the hospital. It is now believed that he will not be able to return to duty for possibly another five or six weeks.

F.G. Robb, who is on annual leave, will return October 1.

G.R. Blount spent September 19 in the Washington office conferring with officials of the Service.

H.S. Slamp, Philadelphia, was in the Washington Processed Foods office on Monday and Tuesday of the current week assisting with a rush of work.

Wm. G. Meal will spend September 20 and 21 at Rochester, N.Y. conferring with State officials and employees of our Service. October 7-11 he will attend a meeting of the National Association of Marketing Officials to be held at Boston, Mass.

W.L. Close, of the Salem, Oregon inspection office will be on leave October 1-12 during which time the inspection work for that office will be handled from the Portland office.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

Not for publication

1a. Remember the story of the three stone cutters? When asked what they were doing, the first said he was putting in eight hours a day; the second, that he was making a living. The third looked up with pride and said "Why, I'm building a cathedral!"

The main difference between these men was that number three had caught the full significance of his work and realized its importance. He had that loyal and enthusiastic outlook without which neither cathedrals nor any other worthwhile structure or organization can be built.

This attitude on the part of all of us is what is required to keep our Division, Service and Department functioning on the most efficient basis. With it we can make the greatest use of our facilities and resources. Certainly, under the conditions with which we are confronted today, we need to give every consideration to making our operations most efficient.

We cannot do this without "knitting" together our different operations from Divisional viewpoint wherever possible. I do not mean that we should dispense with our different sections needed for administrative reasons. Our employees should not feel, however, that their responsibilities to the Division are limited in the narrowest sense to the particular work of the section to which they may be assigned.

As in the past there will be many situations, especially in the field, that can only be met most effectively through the closest kind of cooperation among our employees on the ground. Such a cooperative spirit, together with an attitude of service and unfailing courtesy in our personal and telephone contacts with the public will enable us to build our service well.

W.G. Meal

2a. PREPARATION OF REIMBURSEMENT VOUCHERS

When showing the appropriation number and project number on the old-type reimbursement voucher (Standard Form No. 1012 May 3, 1940), please do not insert the figures at the top of the voucher on line headed "Appropriation:". This line should be left blank for use of the Accounting Offices. The appropriation and project numbers may be inserted in the "block" headed - "(Additional statements by Department, Bureau, or Establishment, if deemed necessary)."

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3a. DISPOSAL OF USELESS PAPERS

It will no longer be necessary to submit annual lists and samples of official material recommended for destruction although authority for its destruction is to be issued each year. A schedule of records, from which a list of items which can be disposed of annually, has been submitted to the Archivist of the United States for approval.

After approval, the list is to be transmitted to the various offices with instructions to destroy the items in question and report to Washington the method employed. Due to congested congressional conditions, however, there may be considerable delay before such approval is secured.

4a. IMPORTANT ITEMS APPEARING IN THE A.M.S. NEWS DATED SEPT. 16, 1940.

An item appearing in The A.M.S. News (page 18) under the heading "Voluntary Contributions to Civil Service Retirement and Disability Fund" carries with it a table showing the growth of voluntary contributions which may be made to the Civil Service retirement fund by employees coming under the Retirement Act.

The second item (page 20) is headed "New Administrative Promotion Policy." This item outlines the terms of provisions under the Agricultural Appropriation Act by which the Service must be governed in the matter of granting within-grade promotions during the current fiscal year.

Each employee is urged to read these News items.

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ROBERT G. HILL

The Washington office was shocked to receive advice on the morning of October 5 to the effect that Mr. Robert G. Hill, who was in Eastland, Texas, on official business, had passed away suddenly the evening before at Eastland - death apparently having been due to a heart attack.

After graduating from the Delaware College of Agriculture in 1912 Mr. Hill was engaged on various duties in the line of Horticulture until 1917 when he was placed in charge of the North Carolina Horticultural Experiment Farm at Willard, N.C. In 1918 he was appointed to the Bureau of Markets (later to become Agricultural Marketing Service) of this Department being engaged on problems pertaining to the handling and storage of sweetpotatoes in the southern States. He gained considerable distinction as the result of his effectiveness in this work.

In 1920 Mr. Hill transferred to the Bureau of Plant Industry where he remained until June, 1926, when he came to the Fruit and Vegetable Division as a Marketing Specialist. He had been, since that time, engaged on a wide range of research problems in the general field of fruit and vegetable marketing and was the author of many Government publications on this subject.

Aside from his official duties, Mr. Hill was widely known as an authority on gardening - both in the planting and care of flowers and ornamental shrubs and was frequently consulted by his friends and associates on this subject.

Mr. Hill will be greatly missed in the Washington office, his outstanding work, integrity and cheerful disposition having made him a favorite of his fellow workers. He is survived by his wife, one daughter and a son to whom our sympathy is extended.

-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-1b. CHANGES AND ADDITIONS ON THE C, KA-KI, KO AND WA PAGES OF THE CODE  
(Effective Oct. 12)

On the C (General statement of receipts and supplies) page of the code add  
CUH supplying the market

Used in connection with the suffixes on this page one can say, for example  
CUHEK (nearby stock supplying the market)

On the KA-KI (APPLES) page of the code change

KIBUV 1 1/8 bushel crates to read

KIBUV 1 1/8 bushel boxes and to

KIBOK add an asterisk (\*), with foot note stating

\* Decode either as "Eastern crate" or "Eastern box" according to local usage.

On the KO (CABBAGE) page of the code change the meaning of

KOK 70-lb. sacks to read

KOK bushel baskets

On the WA (MISCELLANEOUS) page of the code add

WEC 20-lb. boxes

This will be used especially for Pacific Coast rhubarb

And change the meaning of

WEH Splint baskets to read

WEH 20-lb. crates

This will be used primarily for spinach from Washington

Also change the meaning of

WIC 40-lb. sacks to read

WIC sacked per ton

Also change the symbol in the heading on the WA page to read

WA-WI The heading will then read Miscellaneous (WA-WI)

2b. NEW YORK PRODUCTS

The demand for fresh fruits and vegetables in western New York has been rather inactive during the past week, crops receiving the most attention being peaches, pears and onions. The peach crop is now practically all harvested and the part of the crop not sold is in cold storage. Shippers state that storage supplies cannot be cleaned up before the end of next week. Some supplies may remain in storage three to four weeks. Quality this season is only fair, much of the stock being of poor color, and some badly affected with brown rot. Elberta sales from cold storage at the close of the week ranged 80¢-1.10 per bushel basket, according to condition.

The demand for pears has been fair to good and prices have held steady, with occasional cars of fine quality selling at new high prices. The movement is now all from cold storage. Bushel baskets of Bartletts are selling at \$1.00-1.40 f.o.b. according to quality.

With shippers diverting most of their attention to peaches and pears, apple sales have been few. Scattered f.o.b. sales of Wealthys ranged 80-90¢, McIntosh around \$1.20, and Twenty Ounce around 75-80¢. Growers are commencing to actively harvest their apple crops now that peaches are out of the way. Most stock is going into storage. Some growers sales of fruit, tree run per hundredweight, have been reported at \$1.00-1.10 for Wealthys, 75¢-1.10 for Twenty Ounce, \$1.25-1.75 for McIntosh, and at 75¢-1.00 for various varieties.

Onions are now practically all harvested, although much of the crop still remains in field boxes in the fields. The f.o.b. demand has been rather slow at 55¢-60¢ per 50-lb. sack. Growers have been receiving 80-90¢ per hundredweight.

Most potatoes are now coming from the muck districts, but truckers are handling most of the offerings direct from the farmers and reselling in western New York markets. Upland movement will not become heavy for another two weeks. Truckers are paying 50¢ per bushel for muckland Cobblers and around 40¢ for upland stock.

Cabbage prices continue weak with growers being offered \$5.00-6.00 per ton for Danish type for market and \$3.50 per ton for Domestic type for kraut purposes. A recent meeting of growers with the Surplus Marketing Administration was held for the purpose of securing government aid in marketing the large crop.

The grape crop is considerably later than last year, but not as late as in 1937 when much of the crop was not harvested before freezing weather. The Delaware harvest in the Finger Lakes District will commence next week, but practically all the crop will go to processors, with the price said to be around \$110.00 per ton. The Concord harvest is expected to get under way about October 7 in both the Finger Lakes and Chautauqua-Erie Districts. (J.C.Keller, 9/28/40)

B.C. Boree

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Mail In

First Probably

<u>Stations</u>	<u>List</u>	<u>Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Will Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Mich. 205 P.O. Bldg.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples Berries Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Aug. 4 Aug. 4 Sept. 27 Sept. 12 Aug. 22 Aug. 15 Oct. 3	Nov. 4 Sept. 5 Oct. 14 Oct. 31 Oct. 19 Sept. 23 Oct. 31
*Fresno, Calif. Holland Bldg.	919	A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 22	Nov. 13
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 26	April 16
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 1	June 12
Martinsburg, W.Va. Shenandoah Valley Bank Bldg.	835-B	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 17	Nov. 16
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 9 " 9 " 11 " 9 Oct. 7 Sept. 9 " 9 " 18 Sept. 16	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Jan. 3 Oct. 19 April 22 Nov. 4 Oct. 4 May 6
*Waupaca, Wisc. <u>Court House</u>	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 3	March 31

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED

*Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 21 Nov. 18	March 31 May 31
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\*State cooperating

J.B.Owens - on leave  
 J.A. Hunter-New York City office until Dec. 1.



Division Letter, October 4, 1940

**-STANDARDIZATION & RESEARCH-**

**1c. CHANGES IN U.S. STANDARDS FOR CITRUS**

Copies of revised U.S. Standards for Citrus Fruits, effective October 10 will either be enclosed with this Division Letter or sent under separate cover to each inspector within a few days. The following changes should be noted:

The U.S. No. 2, U.S. Combination, U.S. Combination Russet, and U.S. No. 2 Russet grades permit 10 percent dryness or mushy condition instead of 5 percent previously allowed, provided there are no other defects.

The U.S. No. 3 grade allows 15 percent instead of 10 percent dryness or mushy condition, provided there are no other defects.

The definitions relating to amounts of green or oil spots and scale have been changed from specific amounts to general definitions which permit the interpretation of the amount which shall be allowed. For the present, inspectors should base their interpretation on these factors according to citrus grades in effect last year, but as the season progresses we expect to come to some definite decision regarding amounts which should be allowed and at such time we shall advise inspectors of the change in interpretation. It is generally felt that the definitions in our old standards are altogether too lenient and that new interpretations should be adopted.

**2c. REVISIONS OF U.S. STANDARDS FOR BUNCHED SHALLOTS**

Copies of the revised U.S. Standards for Shallots, effective October 1, were mailed all inspectors last week. The two most important changes in the U.S. No. 1 grade are an additional 15 percent tolerance for blanching and the reduction in the amount of blanching required from 2 inches to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches. The U.S. No. 2 grade, which previously required  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches blanching, does not require any blanching under the new standards.

Practically all of the definitions have been reworded so as to improve and clarify the meaning of the terms defined.

Drawings illustrating bulb formations permitted in both U.S. No. 1 and U.S. No. 2 grades are now a part of the standards.

**3c. REVISION OF U.S. STANDARDS FOR BROCCOLI**

New standards for Bunched Italian Sprouting Broccoli became effective October 1, 1940. The new standards apply to bunched broccoli, whereas former ones applied to broccoli either loose or bunched.

A new grade, U.S. No. 2 has been added to the U.S. Fancy and U.S. No. 1 which were provided in the former standards. Another very important addition to the standards is a provision for specifying size in terms of "heads" and "shoots."

U.S. Fancy grade now requires stock to be "closely trimmed" instead of well trimmed, and the requirement for freedom from damage by discoloration of bud clusters has been added. The minimum size requirement for bud clusters is now  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches instead of the former 3 inches, and the requirement for length has been changed from 5 inches minimum to "6 to  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches."



REVISION OF U.S. STANDARDS FOR BROCCOLI (cont'd)

U.S. No. 1 grade requires bud clusters to be "fairly compact" as compared with the former absence of requirement for compactness. In this grade there has also been added a requirement for freedom from damage by discoloration of bud clusters. A requirement for maximum length of 9 inches has been added.

Numerous additions and changes have been made in the definitions of terms, the most important of which are those dealing with compactness and trimming. It should be noted that the term "compact" as defined requires a very high degree of compactness. The new term "fairly compact" is intended to represent the stage of compactness formerly covered by the term "compact."

The bunch is the unit used in determining percentages of grade defects. This is done by count except where bunches are not fairly uniform in size when percentages must be determined by weight. In determining size of stalks, the bunches must be taken apart and the percentages of stalks of various sizes determined on the basis of weight.

4c. ENCLOSURES

Technical Bulletin No. 730, "Market Quality and Condition of California Cantaloups as Influenced by Maturity, Handling, and Precooling" is enclosed for each inspector.

A new check list of U.S. Standards Issued by the Fruit and Vegetable Division, dated October 1, is also enclosed for each inspector.

R.R. Pailthorp

-REGULATORY SERVICE-

1e. VINE-RIPENED CANTALOUPS

Recent correspondence in connection with a PACA case involving a contract calling for vine-ripened cantaloups has revealed the fact that some of the employees of the Division are not aware that in a decision (S-1603, Biagi Fruit & Produce Company, Inc. v. Steel City Fruit Co., Inc.) signed July 7, 1937, the Secretary defined this term. The definition reads as follows:

Vine-ripened cantaloups may be defined as cantaloups which have attained full maturity on the vine as evidenced by the initiation of natural separation of stem and fruit tissues. Such a melon is commonly called a "full slip" melon.

In answering inquiries as to whether a given shipment of cantaloups could be considered as "vine-ripened", employees should bear this definition in mind, but would be on even safer ground if they informed those making such inquiries that a question of this sort is a matter to be answered by those concerned with the enforcement of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act.

H.A. Spilman

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-INSPECTION SERVICE-1f. INSPECTION OF TRUCK SHIPMENTSREFER TO PAR. 18, PART II, RECEIVING MARKET HANDBOOK

In the inspection of produce shipped in refrigerated trucks or trailers, the same general policies should be followed as when making inspections in refrigerator cars. The word "car" should be blocked out under the heading "Condition of Car", and the word "Truck" or "Trailer" inserted so that the heading will read "Condition of Truck", or "Condition of Trailer".

Under this heading if there are bunkers, report the position of hatch covers and ice plugs, amount of ice, or whether bunkers are empty. If it is mechanical refrigeration, then report whether the refrigerating motor is running or not running. Also report the type of floor in truck or trailer. All defective equipment should be reported, such as loose fitting doors, defective roof, walls, etc.

Under the heading "Kind of Car" block out the word "car" and insert "Truck" or "Trailer". The kind should be reported as - "Refrigerator", "Covered", or "Open".

The temperature of the product should be reported in the same manner as outlined in I.H.B., Part II.

2f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONFor Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Ark." Delaware reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, State Board  
of Agriculture, Dover, Delaware." Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service.  
Warsaw, Indiana." Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska." Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va." Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Onley, Va." West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Berkeley Hotel, Martinsburg,  
W. Va." Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.3f. PLEASE ADD TO LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS:

John J. Seiter,	34 Plum St., Cincinnati, Ohio	\$ 4.00
B.B. Black Co.	Ft. Fairfield, Maine	4.00
Dixie Peanut Co.	Fitzgerald, Ga.	7.40
Toledo Produce Co.	610 Market St. Toledo, Ohio	4.80
Scranton Produce Co.,	Scranton, Pa.	11.40
A Bertolla and Sons	Loxley, Alabama	2.50
Ross Hatch	Altoona, Pennsylvania	11.85

PLEASE DEDUCT FROM LIST OF PAST DUE ACCOUNTS

S.A. Gerrard Co. Fresno, Calif. 1.00



TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING AUGUST, 1940.  
(l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	3	Missouri	54
Arkansas	100	Nebraska	490
California	6661 $\frac{1}{2}$	New Jersey	344
Colorado	5300 $\frac{1}{2}$	New York	295
Delaware	73	North Carolina	273
Florida	15	North Dakota	92
Georgia	758	Ohio	217
Idaho	2525	Pennsylvania	61 $\frac{1}{2}$
Illinois	59	Oklahoma	284*
Indiana	98	Oregon	2290
Iowa	6	South Carolina	3031
Kentucky	50	Tennessee	76
Louisiana	39	Utah	447**
Maryland	207 $\frac{1}{2}$	Virginia	575
Massachusetts	1	Washington	1247 3/4
Michigan	863 7/8	West Virginia	15
Minnesota	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wisconsin	77 $\frac{1}{2}$
		<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>26,766 5/8</u>

\* Includes one car not reported in July.

\*\* There were 1003 trucklots aggregating 3,409,684 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following report not yet received - Texas.

Inspections for F.S.M.A. not included in the above: California 1158, Colorado 44, Minnesota 40, Nebraska 333, and New Jersey 207.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING AUGUST, 1940.

<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>
Albany	8	9	Minneapolis	47	30
Atlanta	20	25	Newark	9	22
Baltimore	10	11	New Haven	9	23
Boston	188	249	New Orleans	81	130
Buffalo	57	85	New York	527	327
Chicago	205	156	Norfolk	4	16
Cincinnati	23	13	Oklahoma City	11	8
Cleveland	71	63	Philadelphia	35	49
Columbus	45	22	Phoenix	0	1
Denver	17	27	Pittsburgh	59	49
Detroit	215	197	Portland	8	20
East Providence	4	0	Rochester	11	9
Fargo	1	2	St. Louis	48	35
Fort Worth	7	9	Salt Lake City	3	1
Harrisburg	0	3	San Francisco	1	3
Hartford	23	20	Seattle	4	116
Houston	34	51	Tampa	0	2
Indianapolis	9	7	Washington, D.C.	5	7
Jacksonville	28	77	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1904</u>	<u>1954</u>
Kansas City	47	43	Total fees assessed for	Total last year	
Los Angeles	2	4	August, 1940, \$7,744.75	\$7,968.62	
Milwaukee	28	33	1532 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.		

INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
 (All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

August, 1940.

Cities	Navy	Hospitals	Corps	Mission	Center	Agencies	Tutions	Lines	5,338
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicago	-	10,354	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit	-	15,843	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	631,040	66,940	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	327,622	75,474	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	126,646	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newark	21,773	83,537	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	356,667	169,532	72,591	122,540	243,288	7,472	308,046	991,312	-
Norfolk	404,000	-	-	12,635	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	294,887	88,145	15,686	-	-	-	-	-	253,036
Pittsburgh	-	49,518	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,738
St. Louis	-	42,967	-	-	-	-	-	-	227,087
San Diego	1,473,406	-	492,014	4,916	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	2,102,414	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	223,813	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	470,983	-	31,620	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington D.C.	5,978,983	981,102	687,385	140,091	243,288	57,429	72,910	1,675,971	996,650
TOTAL	10,776,380	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRAND TOTAL	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

OFFICE NOTES:

B.C. Boree left Washington on September 27 for a field trip of approximately six weeks. He expects to visit the various market news offices in the States of Illinois, Michigan, Missouri, Colorado, Idaho, California, Oregon and Washington.

R.H. Shoemaker is investigating complaints under the PACA at Pittsburgh, Pa., and Buffalo, N.Y.

Wm. L. Lewis is at Orlando, Florida, and vicinity, where he will remain until about December 1 in connection with a program of work with reference to grades for citrus and proposed new standards. On September 30 Mr. Lewis attended a meeting of the United Growers and Shippers Association at Orlando.

Being on annual leave, J.B. Owens, has been in the Washington office several days during the current week.

O.N. Harsha is investigating complaints under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act at various points in the States of N.Y., N.J., Mass., R.I. and Conn.

Wm. G. Meal will leave Washington on October 6 for about 10 days during which time he will go to Boston, Mass., Presque Isle, Maine, and Albany, N.Y., in connection with the various Divisional lines of work. On October 7-11 he will, as indicated in the last D.L., attend a meeting of the National Association of Marketing Officials at Boston.

L.S. Fenn of the Seattle office will be on leave Oct. 20 to about the middle of November, during which time he will be relieved by R.L. Ringer, of the Portland inspection office. Mr. Ringer's inspection work at Portland, during this time, will be handled by C.J. Hansen, of the Portland market news office.

S.H. Fountain, Navy inspector at Vallejo, Calif., will be on leave October 21-November 16 during which time his work will be taken care of by C.P. Ford, an employee of the State.

C.H. Beasley is making San Jose, Calif., his temporary headquarters as he supervises the inspection of natural condition prunes under the terms of a new cooperative agreement between this Service, the Proration Program Committee and the California Department of Agriculture.

L.G.C. Pierce will return to duty in the St. Louis office on October 5, having been absent since August 21 due to a fractured shoulder received while performing official duties. Walter Kingsbury, of the Chicago office, who has been relieving Mr. Pierce will remain in the St. Louis office at least another week inasmuch as Mr. Pierce is not yet able to do heavy lifting.

E.P. Bostwick will spend the coming week inspecting canned products in and around Fresno, Calif. H.S. Slamp, of the Philadelphia Processed Foods Office, has been in the field inspecting large quantities of canned products at various points in New Jersey, Delaware and Pennsylvania. E.J. Evans, of the New York City Processed Foods Office is in Western New York for several days, engaged on similar work while J.C. Bigger, of the Chicago office, is visiting points in Indiana and Wisconsin making inspections of canned products. C.J. Hansen, of the Portland market news office, will accompany J.E. Dodds, of the Processed Foods Office, in making inspections of canned products at various points served by the Portland office during the next two weeks. W.F. Plummer, of the Boston office, was engaged on the inspection of canned products at various points in Maine during the past week.

ADDRESS CHANGES

The New Orleans offices of the Division have moved as follows:

Food Products Inspection Service (W.W. Anderson in charge)  
839 Federal Office Bldg.  
Telephone: Magnolia 5271,  
extensions 252 and 253.

Market News Service (R.C. Elliott in charge)  
838 Federal Office Bldg.  
Telephone: Magnolia 5271,  
extensions 252 and 253.

The address for Chas. McConnell, shown in the Federal-State Shipping Point Inspection Service address list under California at 420 N. School Street, Lodi, Calif. (P.O. Box 189) should be changed to State Office Bldg., Sacramento, Calif.

B.E. Surry, in charge of the Atlanta Market News Office, has changed his residence address to 653 Bonaventure Ave., N.E., Atlanta, Georgia.

H.M. Riley has reopened the Winter Haven, Florida, inspection office at 10-11 Postal Arcade Building. (P.O. Box 1232). Mr. Riley's residence address has been changed to Josephine Apartments (Apt. #4) 7th Street, N.W., Winter Haven, Florida. Residence telephone: 23-631.

These changes should be shown on all address lists.

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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. TRANSPORTATION SECTION RETURNS TO FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION

Effective October 1, the Transportation Section, under the immediate supervision of Mr. James G. Cross, was transferred to the Fruit and Vegetable Division from the Division of Agricultural Statistics. This Section was formerly a part of the Fruit and Vegetable Division, having transferred to the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates (now Agricultural Statistics) on October 1, 1937.

The Transportation Section will, as in the past, continue to make all arrangements with transportation agencies for the furnishing of pertinent information needed in the work of the various Divisions of our Service.

2a. NO EXCUSE FOR INCORRECT AND INCOMPLETE ADDRESSES

An item appearing in The A.M.S. News, dated October 1, 1940, under the above heading, was written in an effort to seek the cooperation of all employees in correcting address lists so that mail intended for employees in the Agricultural Marketing Service will not be addressed to them in care of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. The Agricultural Marketing Service has now been in existence for more than a year and all field offices have had ample time in which to correct their mailing lists.

Please do not overlook this matter inasmuch as mail incorrectly addressed is not only delayed in delivery, but also causes confusion and undue work in the mail rooms involved.

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**-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-****1b. INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS IN CALIFORNIA GRAPE MOVEMENT**

The grape season thus far has been featured by a much more satisfactory market for Thompson Seedless than had been expected because of the marketing agreement on Tokays, the absence of rainfall, strength in the black juice market the past few days after almost no demand early in the season, heavy buying of crops by local wineries, and lighter production of raisins than for the last few years.

Carlot shipments from the State to date are slightly ahead of last year, totaling 19,342 cars as against 19,058. Table stock, however, is running about 1,600 cars more than in 1939 due to heavier shipments of Thompson Seedless, Tokays, and Malagas. Shipments of black juice are about 1,300 cars behind last year, due partly to lack of demand from the East during the early part of the season. White juice shipments are only slightly behind last year's figure.

Movement of Thompson Seedless from the Central part of the State had scarcely started when the market broke rather sharply. While this was discouraging at the time, many factors are of the opinion that in the long run it was beneficial in that it put prices at a level where dealers in small markets could afford to buy. Whether or not this was the principal cause, there was a remarkably good demand from the smaller markets and there were only two or three brief periods during the season when demand was at all draggy. The market held steady to firm most of the season, with a slight advance occurring during the early part of September. By that time most of the remaining supplies were in the hands of grower-shippers, who prefer to sell on the auction markets rather than at shipping-point, and there has been very little f.o.b. trading during the last two or three weeks. Nearly 5,500 cars of Thompson Seedless have been shipped, which is more than the amount shipped in any entire previous season except 1937, when 5,862 cars were shipped. Although shipments of this variety to date are almost 600 cars ahead of last season, auction sales to date are approximately 145,000 packages less than in 1939, reflecting a wider distribution into the smaller markets.

As a result of the favorable market, naturals, or grapes from ungirdled vines, began moving earlier in the season than usual and there have probably been many more cars shipped than for several years. Practically all Thompsons, both girdled and ungirdled, have been harvested but there will be some movement out of storage for possibly a month or more. There are no official figures on the quantity stored, but estimates range mostly between 300 and 400 cars, practically all girdled stock.

Relatively high prices for Malagas on the auction markets early in September encouraged fairly heavy loadings of this variety and the movement to date is now in excess of last season's extremely light shipments. The heavier offerings were accompanied by declining prices which in turn acted as a check on continued heavy loading. As offerings became more moderate in the last week or so prices have shown an upward trend.

INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS IN CALIFORNIA GRAPE MOVEMENT (cont'd)

Movement of Tokays to market has been regulated this season by a marketing agreement at between 70 and 90 cars daily. The control is exercised at the various concentration points and when shipments are in excess of the allotted movement the extra cars accumulate at the concentration points. When the accumulation reaches a certain number a loading "holiday," usually of two days duration, is declared. There has been more or less criticism from buyers because of the uncertainty as to what delivery cars bought at shipping points would make, due to the possibility of the cars being held from one to three days at the concentration points. This may have been responsible, to some extent, for the continued good demand for Thompsons during the latter part of the active shipping season. During the early part of the heavy Tokay movement demand was rather slow but during the last two weeks or so there has been a moderate to good demand, with some buyers purchasing out of concentration points rather than at shipping points.

The Tokay growers have been most fortunate because there has been practically no rainfall this season. Due to the numerous loading "holidays," much of the fruit was very ripe before it could be picked and rains, especially if they had fallen during the last two weeks, would probably have caused considerable damage. Last season there were five rains during the harvesting season while this season to date there has been only one light shower measuring .01 inch and two other occasions when only a few drops fell. Quality of the crop has been excellent, both at Lodi and at Florin. Very little of the Florin crop has been sold at shipping points, mostly being rolled for delivered sales or sold over the wire.

Shipments of Tokays to date are approximately 3,800 cars, more than 400 heavier than through the same date last season, and within about 400 cars of last season's complete total. Estimates range from 1,200 to 1,500 cars, or possibly more, still on the vines suitable for shipment and in addition there are said to be around 200 cars in cold storage. If the weather permits the entire crop to be harvested, and the present rate of 90 cars per day moving through concentration points is not changed, a steady flow of Tokays will continue until well past the middle of October and will continue to arrive in the eastern markets until the end of the month and possibly into the early part of November.

The Tokay situation has begun to cause some concern among Emperor shippers. The crop is large, generally estimated at around 7,000 cars. All of the considerable European export business has been lost and because of recent developments there may be little exported to the Orient. The crop is early and could have been moving in some volume during the last week or two if there had been no Tokay competition. Shippers were rather optimistic several weeks ago and crops were bought at prices which make it necessary to obtain 10-15¢ above the present prices on Tokays. If Tokays continue in volume for another two weeks the marketing period for Emperors will be shortened by that much and shippers anticipate very little business during that period. A number of shippers have started packing Emperors for storage while those who pack for fresh shipment have had to delay starting. Only occasional sales have been reported to date. A shortage of storage space may develop and make it necessary to ship for eastern storage, or sale, in order to get the crop off the vines before the danger of freezing becomes too great. Growers and shippers are still mindful of the severe early freeze of two years ago which occurred November 12 to 15.

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INTERESTING DEVELOPMENTS IN CALIFORNIA GRAPE MOVEMENT (cont'd)

So far, the entire San Joaquin Valley has escaped rainfall. The weather was threatening for several days around mid-September but since then it has been generally clear. Consequently, both fresh grapes and raisins have been undamaged from this cause.

Quality of the raisin crop is reported to be the best in ten years, while the volume is the lightest since 1934. The tonnage of dried raisins is estimated to be around 170,000, of which around 8,000 tons are Muscats, about 1,000 tons are Sultanas, and the balance Thompson Seedless. The light production has been due largely to competition from wineries, which bought large quantities of grapes early in the season at prices which compared favorably with raisin prices at that time. The winery price of \$15.00 per ton for Muscats was particularly favorable and resulted in an unusually light tonnage of this variety being put on trays.

A prorate program is in effect on raisins this season. Each grower must deliver 20 percent of his crop to a "surplus" pool, 50 percent to a "stabilization" pool, and the remaining 30 percent may be sold in regular trade channels. When the season opened early in September, packers were offering \$50.00 per ton for Thompsons and Muscats and \$45.00 for Sultanas. As a result of a strong holding tendency among growers and an active demand by the packers, the price has now advanced to mostly \$57.50 for Thompsons, \$60.00-\$1.00, mostly \$61.00 for Muscats, and \$50.00 per ton for Sultanas.

Early in the season a group of wineries announced prices of \$10.00-\$11.00 per ton for Alicantes, Malagas, and Thompson Seedless, \$12.00 for Sultanas, and \$15.00 for Muscats, Zinfandels, Carignanes, and other black and white juice varieties, all on a delivered-winery basis, vineyard run. Independent wineries met these prices, there was active buying for a time, and it is generally agreed that more grapes have been crushed early this year than for many seasons. The price on Alicantes advanced \$1.00 per ton and some Muscats were bought at \$1.00 per ton above the general level. The aggressiveness of the winery buying early in the season for Thompsons and Muscats was, as has already been mentioned, probably the principal reason for the light production of raisins.

Because of the heavy crush, winery tanks became filled fairly early and by mid-September very few new contracts were being made. For a week or two, there was a little weaker undertone and prices ranged unchanged to \$1.00-\$1.50 per ton lower. In the last week or so, however, the price has firmed and most wineries are now back to the previous level. Movement of wine into trade channels is said to be good, reflecting increased consumption of domestic wines, and with the involvement of the principal European wine-producing countries in the war both increased domestic and export business may develop as a result of the shutting off of supplies from these countries.

Early demand for wine grapes in the markets was generally light to very light until about the middle of September, when it practically ceased altogether for about ten days. Shippers held loadings as light as possible because of the lack of demand and many of the cars which were shipped were put on slow schedules requiring about twice the time in transit in order to delay arrival. During the last days of September a little demand for blacks appeared and has gradually improved until at the present time it is quite active. Prices have advanced but there has been rather light trading due to shippers holding for higher prices. Demand for Muscats, however, has improved only in the last few days. (A.M.McDowell 10/7/40)

B.C.Boree

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail</u>	<u>In</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Probably</u>
	<u>List</u>	<u>Charge</u>		<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>Will Close</u>
*Benton Harbor, Mich. 205 P.O. Bldg.	838	R.E.Keller	Apples Berries Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Aug. 4 Aug. 4 Sept. 27 Sept. 12 Aug. 22 Aug. 15 Oct. 3	Nov. 4 Sept. 5 Oct. 14 Oct. 31 Oct. 19 Sept. 23 Oct. 31
*Fresno, Calif. Holland Bldg.	919	A.M.McDowell	Grapes	July 22	Nov. 13
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldgs.	845-R	R.G.Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 26	April 16
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F.Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 1	June 12
Martinsburg, W.Va. Shenandoah Valley Bank Bldg.	835-B	R.M.Peterson	Apples	Sept. 17	Nov. 16
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W.Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C.Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 9 " 9 " 11 " 9 Oct. 7 Sept. 9 " 9 " 18 Sept. 16	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Jan. 3 Oct. 19 April 22 Nov. 4 Oct. 4 May 6
*Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 21 Nov. 18	March 31 May 31
*Waupaca, Wisc. <u>Court House</u>	894-R	P.A.Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 3	March 31

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON THE DATE INDICATED

*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	J.B.Owens	Beans	Nov. 1	Dec. 21
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*State cooperating
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J.B. Owens on leave.

J.A. Hunter-New York City office until Dec. 1.

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OFFICE NOTES

D.L. Lacy, in charge of the Hartford office, advises that his residence address is now 21 Fairlee Road, West Hartford, Conn. His residence telephone remains 3-9530.

Walter G. Lensen, in charge of the Chicago PACA office, is now residing at 232 N. Oak Park Ave., (Santa Maria Apts.) Oak Park, Ill.

H.J. Clay will leave Washington early next week for the purpose of conferring with members of the honey and beeswax industry at various points in Illinois, Missouri and Nebraska. He will attend a meeting of the American Honey Institute, Oct. 22-24, at Omaha, Nebraska, and deliver an address entitled "Increasing Local Sales of Honey."

Louie V. Bryant, who has been working in the Chicago office for the past several months, has been transferred to New Orleans. Mr. Bryant's transfer has been occasioned by a request from the War Department to place an inspector of processed foods at New Orleans in order to insure immediate inspection of these items for the U.S. Army.

J.W. Park is on official business in the States of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Delaware and Maryland, collecting data with reference to marketing methods employed in connection with broccoli, spinach and other greens.

F.G. Robb will leave Washington about October 20, for approximately 10 days, to visit various points in the States of Ohio, Illinois and Michigan in the interest of the Inspection Service.

George W. Prince was a recent visitor in the Washington office, being en route to his official headquarters at Columbia, S.C., from Boston, Mass., and other New England points, where he attended meetings of the National Association of Marketing Officials October 7-11.

E.E. Conklin, who has been on official business on the West Coast for the past several weeks, is expected to leave Sacramento, California, on October 17, by automobile, arriving at Chicago on Monday night, October 21.

The temporary processed foods office at Easton, Maryland, operating under the direction of C.E. Partridge since early in August, closed October 14. Mr. Partridge has returned to his official headquarters - Philadelphia.

G.R. Warren, supervising inspector at Caribou, Maine, returned to duty September 30, having been absent since July 25 due to a broken ankle.

Bolling Hall, of the Atlanta inspection office, who has just completed a period of annual leave, will report to the New Orleans inspection office about November 4 for the purpose of assisting with the work there for several months.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. PASCAL\_TYPE\_CELERY

Instructions were issued in Division Letter of March 24, 1939 to use the term "Utah Type" in describing celery of "Pascal Type" which was believed to have originated in the Salt Lake City district. The industry however has continued to use the term "Pascal" to describe this celery and there seems to be so little difference between this California Pascal type and the Pascal which has been grown for many years in Colorado that it will be satisfactory in the future to use the term "Pascal Type" instead of "Utah Type" in describing all of the green celery of this type.

2f. TEMPORARY\_OR\_SEASONAL\_HEADQUARTERS\_OF\_SHIPPING\_POINT\_INSPECTION

For Arkansas reports wire (Western Union) Labe Dean, Van Buren, Ark.

" Delaware reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, State Board of Agriculture, Dover, Delaware.

" Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

" Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

" Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

" Virginia sweetpotato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Onley, Va.

" West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Berkeley Hotel, Martinsburg, W. Va.

" Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

F.G. Robb

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TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER, 1940.  
 (l.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	60	New Jersey	363
California	6666	New York	585
Colorado	3896	North Dakota	2268
Idaho	4195	Ohio	30
Indiana	155	Oklahoma	4
Iowa	62*	Oregon	2440
Kansas	91	Pennsylvania	392½
Louisiana	109	South Dakota	7
Maine	37½	Texas	94
Maryland	225	Utah	339 **
Minnesota	988	Wisconsin	318½
Montana	5		
Nebraska	92½	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23,423</b>

\* 168 inspected in July not included in August report.

\*\* There were 620 trucklots aggregating 8,195,287 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Delaware, Illinois, Michigan, New Mexico, South Carolina, Virginia, Washington, and West Virginia.

Inspections for F.S.M.A. not included in the above: California 706, Colorado 28, Minnesota 118, New Jersey 115, and Utah 34.

<u>RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING SEPTEMBER, 1940.</u>					
	Total	Same Month		Total	Same Month
<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>
Albany	9	11	Miami	7	4
Atlanta	17	30	Milwaukee	30	27
Baltimore	15	22	Minneapolis	35	35
Boston	98	114	Newark	25	17
Buffalo	51	39	New Haven	6	18
Chicago	153	114	New Orleans	88	118
Cincinnati	31	24	New York	626	397
Cleveland	47	45	Norfolk	15	24
Columbus	35	30	Oklahoma City	13	17
Denver	30	24	Philadelphia	39	57
Detroit	132	110	Phoenix	1	1
East Providence	9	13	Pittsburgh	66	70
Fargo	0	1	Portland	13	10
Fort Worth	15	12	Rochester	14	3
Harrisburg	2	1	St. Louis	42	32
Hartford	24	14	Salt Lake City	1	0
Houston	40	55	San Diego	1	0
Indianapolis	9	11	San Francisco	0	1
Jackson	1	-	Seattle	7 *	98
Jacksonville	48	64	Tampa	6	1
Kansas City	36	43	Washington, D.C.	4	6
Los Angeles	4	3	TOTAL	1851	1730
Memphis	6	14	Total fees assessed for		Total last
			September, 1940, \$7,353.41		year
					\$7,439.75

1567 cars inspected for Western Perishable Carload Receivers' Assn., New York City.

\* Compiled from certificates in file.

## -STANDARDIZATION &amp; RESEARCH-

1c. CHANGE LEGENDS ON BROCCOLI PHOTOGRAPHS.

Owing to the revision of the standards for Italian Sprouting Broccoli which became effective October 1, 1940, it is necessary to change the legends on the broccoli photographs. There are six photographs in the set and there should be a set in each receiving point inspection office and a few shipping point inspection offices.

The grade designation should be crossed out on each picture. They shall be used to illustrate compactness only. It is impossible to estimate accurately from the photographs, the degrees of trimming and length of stalks and therefore the grade of some of the stalks shown would be hard to determine from the pictures. The legends should be changed to read as follows:

Picture No. 1, "FAIRLY COMPACT"; Picture No. 2, "FAIRLY COMPACT"; Picture No. 3, "COMPACT"; Picture No. 4, "NOT FAIRLY COMPACT"; Picture No. 5, "NOT FAIRLY COMPACT"; and Picture No. 6, "COMPACT".

Make these corrections immediately so as to avoid mistakes in grade interpretation in the future.

2c. MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATION NO. 374 MAILED TO INSPECTORS

Since issuance of the last Division Letter there has been mailed, to each inspector, a copy of Miscellaneous Publication No. 374 entitled "Descriptions of Types of Principal American Varieties of Red Garden Beets."

R.R. Pailthorp

## -REGULATORY SERVICE-

1e. F.O.B. SALES

It is apparent that the rights and obligations of shippers and buyers when sales of fruits or vegetables are made f.o.b. shipping point are not clearly understood by many in the trade. For the information of the men of this Division located in the field, therefore, the following definitions in the regulations under the P.A.C.A. are quoted:

The term "F.O.B." (for example, "F.O.B. LAREDO, TEX.", or even "F.O.B. CALIFORNIA") shall be deemed to mean that the commodity quoted or sold is to be placed free on board the car or other agency of through land transportation at shipping point, in suitable shipping condition \*\*\* and that the buyer assumed all risks of damage and delay in transit not caused by the shipper, irrespective of how the shipment is billed. The buyer has the right of inspection at destination before the goods are paid for, but only for the purpose of determining that the produce shipped complied with the terms of the contract or order at time of shipment subject to the provision covering suitable shipping condition. This right of inspection does not convey or imply any right of rejection by the buyer because of any loss, damage, deterioration, or change which has occurred in transit.

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F.O.B. SALES (cont'd)

The term "F.O.B. ACCEPTANCE" shall be deemed to mean the same as f.o.b. except that the buyer assumes full responsibility for the goods at shipping point and has no right of rejection on arrival, nor has he any recourse against the shipper because of any change in condition of the goods in transit, unless the goods when shipped were not in suitable shipping condition. The buyer's remedy under this method of purchase is by recovery of damages from the shipper and not by rejection of the shipment.

The term "F.O.B. ACCEPTANCE FINAL" shall be deemed to mean that the buyer accepts the commodity f.o.b. cars at shipping point without recourse.

The term "suitable shipping condition" as used in these definitions has been defined in the regulations to mean that the commodity, at time of billing, shall be in a condition which, when shipment is handled under normal transportation service and conditions, will insure delivery without abnormal deterioration at the destination specified in the contract of sale.

Mimeographed copies of these and other definitions in the regulations are available.

H.A. Spilman

-PROCESSED FOODS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION SERVICE-1d. FACTORY INSPECTED PRODUCTS CAN BE REINSPECTED ONLY UPON APPEAL

A request was recently received at one of our grading offices for the inspection of samples of canned products bearing the continuous inspection insignia shield embossed in the end of the can. Grading of samples thus identified may be undertaken only upon appeal. When such requests are made to any office immediately communicate with Washington asking for instructions before proceeding further.

2d. FACTORY INSPECTION SERVICE RECEIVES FAVORABLE COMMENTS

The new factory inspection service on canned fruits and vegetables seems to have been accorded favorable reception in England, judging from comments made by some of the larger distributors of canned products in the British Isles. As quoted from a letter recently received from a packer in the United States: " \* \* \* We cannot help but feel that this is going to go over in a big way in England if and when we are permitted to ship \* \* \* to that country."

Paul M. Williams

INSECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
 (all figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

September, 1940.

Cities	Navy	Corps	mission	al_center	Agencies	tutions	Lines	15	860
Baltimore	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Boston	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chicago	-	10,289	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Detroit	-	17,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Great Lakes	746,825	62,365	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Los Angeles	-	290,747	46,975	-	-	-	-	-	-
Memphis	-	7,832	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Milwaukee	-	129,668	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Newark	13,562	50,614	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New York	441,892	134,060	59,513	43,675	211,233	7,043	248,412	716,452	-
Norfolk	1,255,040	-	-	9,435	-	-	-	-	-
Philadelphia	458,278	75,822	18,161	-	-	-	-	199,985	-
Pittsburgh	-	54,261	-	-	-	-	-	7,408	-
St. Louis	-	31,782	18,864	-	-	-	-	278,472½	-
San Diego	1,436,041	-	454,888	6,404	-	-	-	-	-
San Francisco	1,312,881	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
San Pedro	400,864	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vallejo	541,319	-	25,980	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington,D.C.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37,523	-
TOTAL	6,606,702	845,370	624,381	59,514	211,233	44,566	1,377,541½	-	732,512
GRAND TOTAL	10,501,619	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-



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1a. LONG-DISTANCE TOLL CALL CERTIFICATES

The requirement regarding the use of Form A.D.-102 has been modified to the extent that this form will not hereafter be required to support telephone calls billed to field offices or reimbursed to travelers, when claimed on expense accounts, in accordance with the following changes:

On and after November 1, 1940, the Form A.D.-102 will be required from a field station only where the amount of the toll charge involved is \$1.00 or more. Each voucher covering a telephone service rendered to field stations must be supported by a certification by the officer in charge "that the long distance telephone calls covered by this voucher (statement) were necessary on account of official business, were not personal and were in the interest of the Government." Such certification may appear on the voucher itself.

Travelers claiming reimbursement for official long-distance calls paid from personal funds must list the calls on their expense account and directly thereunder show the name of the party with whom the communication was held, the points between which service was rendered, the date, time occupied, the amount paid on each call, and indicate that the calls were on official business. (See paragraph 69 of the Standardized Government Travel Regulations.)

Form A.D.-102 will be required as heretofore covering all long-distance telephone calls chargeable to the Washington office.

2a. UNOFFICIAL WORK

The following statement has been issued by the Director of Personnel under date of October 17:

"A recent investigation by this office reveals that Government time, personnel, and photostat machines have been used to a considerable extent in performing unofficial work. It is suggested, therefore, that arrangements be made in each bureau or office which has photostat machines, mimeograph machines, or other duplicating equipment to prevent occurrences of this kind. In addition to issuing written instructions, it is suggested that other appropriate steps be taken from time to time to make certain that unofficial work is not performed. In this connection your attention is called to Department Regulation 4225, entitled Misuse of Property."

Our Business Manager directs that the above paragraph be brought to the attention of employees having supervision of duplicating equipment and that they be cautioned not to use such equipment themselves or to permit anyone else to make use of such equipment for unofficial work.

3a. SUPPLEMENTAL SHEETS TO SUPPLY SECTION STOCK CATALOG

There is being distributed with this Division Letter a supply of supplemental sheets to the Central Supply Section stock catalog and samples of rag and wood-pulp mimeograph bond and manifold typewriting, and sulphite writing paper carried in stock in accordance with the attached copies.

NOVEMBER 11 LEGAL HOLIDAY

Inasmuch as Armistice Day - November 11, is a legal holiday, all employees - Washington and field - are excused from official duties on that day.

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## -MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. UTAH\_TYPE CELERY\_TO BE\_CALLED\_PASCAL\_TYPE

(Code changes effective Nov. 9, 1940)

In conformity with the instructions to the Inspection Service in the October 18 Division Letter to use the term "Utah type" in describing celery of Pascal type which was believed to have originated in the Salt Lake City district, market reporters will hereafter discontinue the use of the term Utah type and describe all dark green or winter celeries as Pascal type.

Under this type according to celery experts, should be included, in addition to Utah and Pascal, such varieties as Fordhook, Emperor, Winter King Utah Winter, Boston Market, and Utah Jumbo. According to Dr. Pollard, Professor of Vegetable Crops at the Utah Agricultural College, the Utah type of celery originated from the Pascal, by selections made by Chinese growers. He also stated that there are many strains of Utah type since many growers select their own strains. Further, because Pascal is the older of the Pascal-Utah groups of varieties it seems best to use the term Pascal type as the descriptive term. This is also in line with trade practice.

On the MA (Celery) page of the code, change the meaning of

AN Pascal to read

AN Pascal type

Also cancel the meaning for

AK Utah type

leaving that suffix blank for future use.

Also add to the MA page,

IP Cold storage stock

This is to take care of the situation in the celery-producing area in the vicinity of Rochester, N.Y.

2b. NEW YORK\_PRODUCTS DAMAGED\_BY\_FREEZE

New York grape, celery, potato and pear growers received a serious blow by an unusually early freeze of severe intensity the latter part of last week (The mornings of Oct. 19, 20 and 21). In the Finger Lakes section of New York 15 to 25 percent of the Concord crop unharvested was severely damaged. Buyers are not handling any of the frozen stock except on consignment and processors are refusing to accept Concords picked after the freeze. Catawbas, which were originally contracted for at \$65.00 a ton for Champaign purposes, are being salvaged for still wine purposes with the price now around \$30.00 per ton. Practically all of the Catawba crop was still on the vines at the time of the freeze.

3b. NEW YORK PRODUCTS DAMAGED BY FREEZE (cont'd)

Celery shippers estimate around 5 percent of the crop was still in the field at the time of the freeze. Damage was mainly to the outer stalks which necessitates very heavy trimming. The frozen stock will probably all be harvested, but the heavy trimming will greatly reduce the yield, and the quality will be ordinary.

Potato shippers report much damage to the potato crop over the entire central and western section of the state. In some important sections, as in Wyoming County, half of the potatoes were undug. In one instance, a farmer securing 400 bushels per acre before the freeze, reports that he was throwing out 300 bushels of frozen potatoes after the freeze and the balance was not free from all injury. This is an exceptional case, but indicates that some sections were hard hit. There are some reports to the effect that potatoes in temporary storage may have been damaged.

Kieffer pears were frozen on the trees. It is doubtful if many will be picked as their storing quality has been injured and there is little or no demand for them at present. (J.C.Keller, 10/26/40)

4b. CALIFORNIA GRAPES

The long dry spell which extended almost through the entire grape shipping season came to an end last Thursday and Friday when about half an inch of rain fell over most of the area. In the section centering around Exeter, however, the rainfall was much heavier, totaling from two to more than three inches. It is in this section that most of the Emperors are produced. Some shippers are of the opinion that at least 25 percent of the grapes still on the vines will be lost, while others comment that the fruit packed today looks fresher, cleaner, and better colored. Doubts about carrying quality were reflected by the fact that a large part of the day's business was consummated on a delivered basis, with the shipper assuming the risk of deterioration in transit.

The Emperor crop is variously estimated at from 6,000 to 7,000 cars, of which possibly 1,000 cars are in cold storage in the State and around 1,100 have been shipped out of the State for immediate use or for Eastern storage, leaving around 4,000 to 5,000 cars still unharvested. With the Tokay crop now out of the way, demand has switched to Emperors and heavy movement may be expected until the middle or latter part of November if weather conditions permit.

If the rains had held off a few more days almost all grapes other than Emperors would have been harvested. As it was, the Tokay crop was almost completely harvested, with possibly not over 100 cars still on the vines at the time of the rain in the Lodi section. The Muscat harvest was nearing completion and possibly not more than 300 to 400 cars were caught. Black juice varieties were still being shipped in good volume but many shippers were almost through and were taking advantage of the good weather and favorable market to get their crops off as quickly as possible. Present indications are that the juice shipping season will be nearly over by the end of the present week, although rains which are forecast for the next day or two may cause some delay if they materialize. Some Muscats, which were quite ripe, may have been damaged by last week's rain, but shippers claim that the black varieties have not been damaged. (A.M.McDowell, 10/28/40)

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TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

Mail In First Probably

Stations List Charge Products Bulletin Will Close

\*Belle Glade, Fla. 937 J.B. Owens Beans Nov. 4 Dec. 21

\*Fresno, Calif. 919 A.M. McDowell Grapes July 22 Nov. 16  
Holland Bldg.

\*Grand Rapids, Mich. 895 R.E. Keller Fruits & Vegetables Nov. 9 Jan. 10  
412 P.O. Bldg. " " Apr. 15

Idaho Falls, Idaho 845-R R.G. Risser Potatoes Sept. 26 Apr. 16  
206 Federal Bldg.

\*Lakeland, Fla. 920 H.F. Willson Citrus Fruits Oct. 1 June 12  
P.O. Box 191

Martinsburg, W.Va. 835-B R.M. Peterson Apples Sept. 17 Nov. 16  
Shenandoah Valley Bank Bldg.

\*Presque Isle, Maine 842-R S.W. Russell Potatoes Sept. 17 April 30  
Federal Bldg.

\*Rochester, N.Y. 837 J.C. Keller Apples Sept. 9 May 20  
300 Terminal Bldg. Cabbage " 9 Feb. 24  
Carrots " 11 May 20  
Celery " 9 Jan. 3  
Grapes Oct. 7 Oct. 19  
Onions Sept. 9 April 22  
Pears " 9 Nov. 4  
Peaches " 18 Oct. 4  
Potatoes Sept. 16 May 6

\*Weslaco, Texas 931 R.E. Winfrey Citrus Oct. 21 March 31  
P.O. Bldg. Vegetables Nov. 18 May 31

\*Waupaca, Wis. 894-R P.A. Nicholson Potatoes Sept. 3 March 31  
Court House

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON APPROXIMATELY THE DATE INDICATED

\*Benton Harbor, Mich. 838 R.E. Keller Apples Aug. 4 Nov. 4  
205 P.O. Bldg. Berries Aug. 4 Sept. 5  
Grapes Sept. 27 Oct. 14  
Onions Sept. 12 Oct. 31  
Pears Aug. 22 Oct. 19  
Peaches Aug. 15 Sept. 23  
Potatoes Oct. 3 Oct. 31

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO OPEN ON APPROXIMATELY THE DATE INDICATED

Phoenix, Ariz. 815 A.M. McDowell Lettuce Nov. 28 Jan. 4  
Security Bldg.

\*State cooperating

J.A. Hunter-New York City office until Dec. 1.

**-INSPECTION SERVICE-****1f. INFORM SHIPPERS THAT DESTINATION APPEAL INSPECTIONS OF UNSEALED TRUCK LOTS WILL NOT BE MADE**

Many shippers apparently do not know that appeal inspections of unsealed truck lots will not be made in destination markets. Whenever there is the proper opportunity it should be explained to shippers that appeal inspections will be made only when the product has been in the continuous possession of a public agent like a railroad, steamship line, or storage, during transit and after arrival. The identity of the lot is not a matter of record otherwise unless original seals are on the truck. When the truck is a "common carrier" it has the same status from the standpoint of our inspection service as a railway.

**2f. ATTENTION SHIPPING POINT SUPERVISORS**

Many copies of shipping point certificates received in the Washington office are so indistinct that it is impossible to read the car numbers. In order to avoid errors in lists of inspected cars it will be necessary to have better copies, so the second or third carbon copy should be sent to this office. Please instruct all inspectors accordingly.

**3f. FEES FOR INSPECTION COVERING CONDITION AND NET OR GROSS WEIGHT OF PACKAGES**

It is felt that the amount of time involved in making a condition inspection, plus the determination of net or gross weight of the packages would at least equal that required in making a grade inspection. Therefore, it will be the policy of the Inspection Service to make the usual charge for grade on certificates restricted to condition and net or gross weight of the packages. The \$2.50 is to be applied only to inspections which cover nothing but condition.

**4f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION**

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Berkeley Hotel, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

**1d. U.S. ARMY POSTS TO ACCEPT FEDERAL CERTIFICATES CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES**

Indicative of the close cooperation of the War Department with this Service, the following radiogram sent by the Quartermaster General's Office to the War Department Depot at Fort Mason, California, is quoted.

"RE YOUR RADIO 425a DUE TO THE LARGE PURCHASES OF CANNED FOODS BEING MADE AND THE LIMIT OF AVAILABILITY OF SUPPLY AND THE COOPERATION NECESSARY IN THIS OFFICE WITH BOTH THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMISSION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS OFFICE FOR FIELD INSTALLATION TO ACCEPT OFFICIAL GRADING BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN SEALED CARS AT POINT OF ORIGIN. IN THE CASE OF PEAS THAT HAVE BEEN GRADED OFFICIALLY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND PLACED IN SEALED CARS AT MARKESON, WISCONSIN, FOR SARGEANT AND NICOLOY THEY SHOULD BE ADVISED BY YOU THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT THE OFFICIAL GRADING OF THE DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE."

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OFFICE NOTES

L.V. Bryant, recently transferred to New Orleans, as mentioned in the Division Letter of October 18, advises his office address is now c/o Col. G.F. Spann, U.S. Army Supply Depot, 4400 Dauphine Street, New Orleans, La. Mr. Bryant's residence address is 1202 Octavia Street, New Orleans.

R.H. von Glahn, in charge of the Philadelphia inspection office, advises his residence address is now 555 W. Rolling Road, R.F.D. No. 3, Springfield, Pa.

W.D. Hull, in charge of the Detroit Market News Office, reports a new residence telephone number - Oregon 1865.

B.C. Boree has returned to his desk from an official trip mentioned in a recent Division Letter.

John E. Dodds will be engaged for approximately the next two weeks on the inspection of large quantities of canned fruits and vegetables at various points in Oregon.

For the purpose of making studies relative to proposed revisions of U.S. Standards for potatoes, carrots and other fruits and vegetables, R.L. Spangler is on an extensive trip which will necessitate travel into the States of Ill., Nebr., Wyo., Colo., Utah, Idaho, Wash., Oreg. and Calif.

James G. Cross, during the next four weeks, expects to go to Chicago, St. Louis, Birmingham, Atlanta, New Orleans, Jacksonville and Richmond for the purpose of interviewing officials of public carriers and others in the interest of the Market News Service.

W.H. Steinbauer will leave Washington within a day or two for approximately two weeks during which time he will assist W.G. Lensen, of the Chicago PACA office. Mr. Steinbauer will also investigate complaints filed under the Act at various points in the States of Mich., Wis., Ind. and Ill.

The appointment of Dr. Alice B. Edwards, formerly Executive Secretary of the American Home Economics/<sup>Assn.</sup> has been approved by the Secretary. Miss Edwards will be assigned to the Processed Foods Standardization and Inspection Service for the purpose of carrying on the study in consumer education in grade labeling made possible by the continuous factory inspection service recently inaugurated by the Service. It is planned that during the winter months surveys will be made in 75 to 100 large retail outlets throughout the United States to ascertain the consumer acceptance of merchandise labeled in the terms of our grades, such as U.S. Grade A, U.S. Grade B, and U.S. Grade C. Miss Edwards will occupy Room 201 in the offices of this unit at 324 Twelfth Street, S.W.

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la. OFFICIAL OPERATING DESIGNATIONS OF DIVISIONS AND SECTIONS

Under date of November 2, Mr. C.W. Kitchen, Chief of our Service, issued the following announcement:

With a view to standardizing the designations of the various Divisions and Sections under the Agricultural Marketing Service, the following will be used as the standard terminology and will be used and referred to in all official correspondence and other official documents and papers:

Business Administrative Division  
Budget and Accounts Section  
Machine Tabulation Section  
Mails and Files Section  
Personnel Section  
Procurement Section  
Technological Investigations Section  
Leased Wire Section  
Vise Section  
Agricultural Statistics Division  
Cotton Division  
Dairy and Poultry Division  
Fruit and Vegetable Division  
Grain and Seed Division  
Insecticide Division  
Livestock, Meats and Wool Division  
Marketing Information Division  
Packers and Stockyards Division  
Tobacco Division  
Warehouse Division  
  
Naval Stores Section

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2a. THANKSGIVING DAY

The following quotes a memorandum signed by the Acting Secretary dated November 12, 1940 relative to Thanksgiving Day:

"The President, by Proclamation dated November 9, 1940, has designated Thursday, November 21, 1940 as a general day of Thanksgiving. Therefore, the Department of Agriculture, in both Washington and field service, will be closed on that day.

In States where Thanksgiving Day will be observed on November 28 it may be that Federal work cannot be properly performed. In such cases employees on a yearly or monthly basis may be excused from duty on both days without having their absence charged to annual leave, nor their regular pay affected.

In the case of per diem employees, on November 21 permanent bona fide per diem employees will be paid without working on that day, provided they are in a pay status (on duty or on leave with pay) immediately before and after November 21. However, per diem employees who render no service on November 28 will not be entitled to compensation for that day regardless of their status on November 27 and 29. (Comp. Gen. Decision, Vol. 17, page 298)."

In the third paragraph of the Acting Secretary's memorandum concerning "permanent bona fide per diem employees", reference is made to Administrative Memorandum No. 200, Supplement No. 1, dated August 5, 1940, in which it was stated that WAE employees in the Agricultural Marketing Service are not considered as regular employees of the Government pursuant to the Holiday Compensation Law of January 29, 1938, and therefore are not entitled to holiday compensation under this law. WAE employees shall not be paid compensation for the Thanksgiving Day holiday unless they actually render service on that day which must be specifically certified to on the payroll.

Chief. (Agricultural Marketing Service)

## -MARKET NEWS SERVICE-

1b. COLORADO POTATOES AND CELERY

Potato harvesting has been completed throughout the State. Reports from Northern Colorado indicate that quality is only fair and that most potatoes moving from that section are grading U.S. Commercials, with very few making U.S. Number 1 grade. This situation is particularly true of Triumph potatoes in that section. Potatoes in the San Luis Valley, however, show an improvement over last season and most stock is grading U.S. Number 1 quality.

Colorado Pascal celery has had an improved demand this week and will continue in good demand until after Thanksgiving. Colorado had a larger acreage of this product in 1940 than usual but frequent rains in early September and a severe hail late in September did considerable damage and lowered the quality in some fields. There will be no opportunity for marketing celery from outside States on the Denver market until after New Years. (Bryce Morris, 11/8/40)

2b. IDAHO POTATOES

The recent tone of the F.O.B. market on Idaho potatoes has been mostly firm to slightly stronger except on U.S. No. 3 grade which has not been moving as well as usual and has been generally unprofitable to both growers and dealers.

Most of the digging being completed, stock has been coming out of temporary and permanent storage spaces in limited quantities. Growers in the Twin Falls district have been reluctant to accept current offers for their stock and buying has been especially difficult in that locality.

In the Upper Valley grading operations are reported to be costly because of the large number of culls which must be handled. Losses from green ends, jelly ends, shell rot, etc., are heavier than usual. The demand is mostly for washed stock and many lots require one, two, or three washings to meet grade and market requirements, which also add to the cost, as washing can not be done in the ordinary farm cellar where the stock is sacked.

Some growers are predicting excessive losses in storage this season, partly because of over-crowding and lack of ventilation in farm cellars, many of which have been filled to capacity. The haste to complete digging ahead of severe freezes probably caused extra bruising when machinery was operated at top speed. Many lots were rushed into the cellars before they were in mature storage condition. Although the crop is admittedly a large one, heavy and increasing cullage will probably hold down the shipments very materially. (Ralph G. Risser, 11/9/40).

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Mail In First Probably

Stations List Charge Products Bulletin Will Close

\*Belle Glade, Fla. 937 J.B. Owens Beans Nov. 4 Dec. 21

\*Grand Rapids, Mich. 895 R.E. Keller Fruits & Vegetables Nov. 9 Jan. 10  
412 P.O. Bldg. " " Apr. 15Idaho Falls, Idaho 845-R R.G. Risser Potatoes Sept. 26 Apr. 16  
206 Federal Bldg.\*Lakeland, Fla. 920 H.F. Willson Citrus Fruits Oct. 1 June 12  
P.O. Box 191\*Phoenix, Ariz. 815 A.M. McDowell Lettuce Nov. 26 Jan. 4  
Security Bldg.\*Presque Isle, Maine 842-R S.W. Russell Potatoes Sept. 17 April 30  
Federal Bldg.\*Rochester, N.Y. 837 J.C. Keller Apples Sept. 9 May 20  
300 Terminal Bldg. Cabbage " 9 Feb. 24  
Carrots " 11 May 20  
Celery " 9 Jan. 3  
Grapes Oct. 7 Nov. 2  
Onions Sept. 9 April 22  
Pears " 9 Nov. 2  
Peaches " 18 Oct. 4  
Potatoes " 16 May 6\*Waupaca, Wis. 894-R P.A. Nicholson Potatoes Sept. 3 March 31  
Court House\*Weslaco, Texas 931 R.E. Winfrey Citrus Oct. 21 March 31  
P.O. Bldg. Vegetables Nov. 18 May 31

THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON APPROXIMATELY THE DATES INDICATED

\*Fresno, Calif. 919 A.M. McDowell Grapes July 22 Nov. 16  
Holland Bldg.Martinsburg, W.Va. 835-B R.M. Peterson Apples Sept. 17 Nov. 16  
Shenandoah Valley Bank Bldg.

\*State cooperating

J.A. Hunter - New York City office until Dec. 1.  
R.M. Peterson on leave.

**-INSPECTION SERVICE-****1f. REPORTING GREEN MOLD ROT OF MELONS**

In Division Letter of November 12, 1937, paragraph 7f, instructions were issued to use the term "Green Mold Rot" in describing Cladisporium decay.

Our pathologists have pointed out the danger of confusing Penicillium and Cladisporium decays if the term "Green Mold Rot" is used. In the future, therefore, the term "Cladisporium Rot" should be used to describe this particular decay.

**2f. DO NOT USE NICKNAMES ON INSPECTOR'S LICENSE, PERSONNEL RECORD, OR SERVICE RECORD CARDS.**

The following is quoted from Division Letter of December 7, 1934 paragraph 6f:

"Correct first names or initials of inspectors should appear on license cards and not nicknames. The licensee should also sign his correct name to certificates and should not use a nickname. This is very important for there is always danger that a question may be raised if a certificate should come into court, as to whether the person who signed the certificate with a nickname is the person shown by the records of the Department to have been licensed as an inspector. The name on the Personnel record card should be exactly the same as that on the license card."

All shipping point supervisors are requested to give particular attention to the accuracy of names, dates, and other information required on these licensee records. Please do not make it necessary to return cards to you for proper filling out.

**3f. IS THIS YOUR REQUISITION?**

There has been received in the Washington office a requisition (Form Ad-14) dated November 7, 1940, asking for the following:

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Stock No.</u>	<u>Description of Articles</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Unit</u>
1	FPI-118	Truck Lot Inspection Certificates	625	Pads of 25 each
2	FPI-20-A	Inspection Certificates Copies	300	Pads

There are only four copies of the requisition (6 copies are required), it does not indicate to whom the supplies are to be sent nor does it carry a code number. Due to the fact that the envelope became detached it is not possible to use it as a means of identification. Directions should be mailed to E. Mills.

**4f. FORMS F.P.I. 11 AND 11-A**

Form F.P.I. 11 has been revised to show the number of cars for condition and grade. F.P.I. 11-A has also been changed to show the number of containers in each l.c.l. lot. All offices should discontinue the use of old forms and order the revised form.

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5f. TOLERANCE FOR ITALIAN SPROUTING BROCCOLI NOW ON WEIGHT BASIS

The various changes in the new U.S. Standards for Italian Sprouting Broccoli make it necessary to change the inspection procedure. In determining the percentage of grade defects, leaves and leaf stems, the bunch is the unit rather than the individual plant or stalk as in the old grades.

The percentage of grade defects should be determined by count of bunches except where the bunches are not fairly uniform in size. If the bunches are irregular, then the percentage must be determined by weight. The bunch being the unit, therefore, the defects must affect the bunch rather than the individual stalk before it can be scored.

In determining length of stalks and diameter of bud clusters, the bunch must be taken apart and the percentage determined on the basis of weight.

To determine the percentage of waste from leaves and leaf stems, use the bunch as the unit, and not the individual plant or stalk. The total weight of the bunch before removing the leaves and leaf stems should be divided into the weight of leaves and leaf stems to determine the percentage of waste from leaves and leaf stems.

It is suggested that all inspectors obtain a few bunches of broccoli showing varying degrees of trimming in order to check their estimates on the percentage of waste from leaves and leaf stems. Then the percentage should be actually determined by weight so that each will become familiar with what constitutes 5%, 10%, and 20%.

In making inspection of broccoli it will not be necessary to remove the leaves and leaf stems except when it is felt that the amount of waste approaches the tolerance. In that event the percentage of three or four representative bunches should be determined by weighing before a lot is thrown out of grade account excessive leaves and leaf stems. However, in case of an appeal, on this factor, the percentages should be determined by weight for all bunches.

It should be remembered also that leaves and leaf stems are not to include any part of a stem which bears bud clusters. Each leaf should be removed at the base of its petiole regardless of whether it is attached to the base of the stem or well up along its side.

6f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service,  
417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire J.J. Gardner, Berkeley Hotel, Martinsburg,  
W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.



OFFICE NOTES:

B.E. Surry, of the Atlanta market news office, informs us that his residence telephone number remains Vernon 0987 even though he has recently announced a change in residence address.

Grover Clyde, of the Milwaukee office, has changed his residence address to 3366 N. 48th Street, Milwaukee, Wis. Mr. Clyde's residence telephone number is Hilltop 7268.

R.H. vonGlahn, in charge of the Philadelphia inspection office, advises his new residence telephone number is Swarthmore 2248-R.

Due to the necessity of developing a number of new Federal specifications, and the revision of many existing specifications for processed foods, H.S. Slamp will divide his time for the next several months between the Philadelphia and Washington offices.

Effective November 18, Mrs. Elinore T. Linderer, of the Chicago processed foods office, will be assigned to the Washington office for approximately six months to assist with the steadily increasing volume of work which also necessitates Mr. Slamp's assistance in the Washington office as above mentioned. Walter Kingsbury will take over Mrs. Linderer's duties in the Chicago office during her absence.

James G. Cross was unable to undertake the official trip announced in the Division Letter of November 1 due to his sudden serious illness. Inasmuch as he remains quite ill it is not known when he will be able to resume his official duties.

R.B. Landrum abandoned plans for annual leave, which was to have been taken the latter part of November, in order to inspect large quantities of canned spinach and tomatoes in the Ozark territory. It is expected this work will take several weeks.

John E. Dodds, who has been in charge of the processed foods office at Portland, Oregon, since July, 1938, is being permanently transferred to the Washington processed foods office where it is expected he will report for duty the latter part of this month. Mr. Dodd's former duties will be assumed by C.J. Hansen in conjunction with his duties as officer in charge of the Portland market news service. R.L. Ringer will assist Mr. Hansen with the market news work when necessary and will also continue as officer in charge of the fresh fruit and vegetable inspections.

L.G.C. Peirce, after an absence of several months due to an injury received while in line of duty, has returned to his official duties in the St. Louis inspection office.

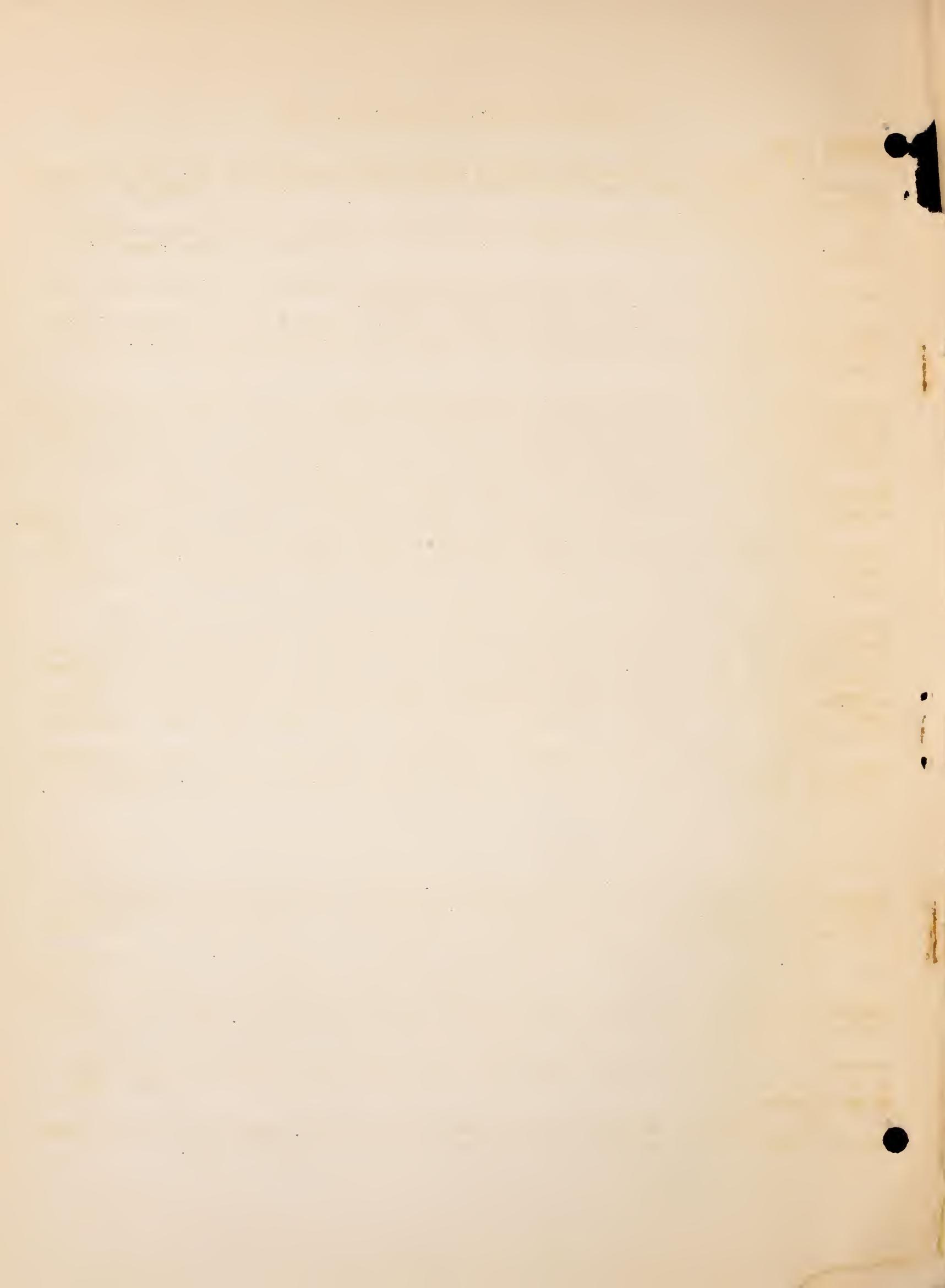
Charles McConnell, listed in our Federal-State shipping point inspection address list under the State of California, requests that his official address be corrected to read "State Office Building, Sacramento." Mr. McConnell's residence address is 857 48th Street, Sacramento.

W.G. Meal spent Tuesday and Wednesday of the current week in New York City discussing inspection work in the State of New York with Federal and State officials.

The Virginia-Carolina Peanut Association, Incorporated, of Suffolk, Virginia, recently adopted a resolution with respect to our late Robert G. Hill. The resolution is quoted in part on page 16 of The A.M.S. News dated November 1, 1940.

R.M. Ferguson who has been handling the inspection work in St. Louis for several weeks while Mr. L.G.C. Peirce was recovering from a broken shoulder will go to Cincinnati on November 16 to relieve Mr. J.W. Coleman who is disabled due to an injured leg.

J.H. Dixon, of the Tampa office, requests that P.O. Box 2016 be dropped from his official address, leaving - 5702 Taliaferro Ave., Tampa, Florida.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

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1a. SUPPLY REQUISITIONS

Do not send requisitions for supplies direct to the Central Supply Section or the Procurement Section. Mail them direct to E. Mills, of this Division, in whose office they are numbered, checked for accuracy and routed through proper channels for shipment of items listed. When these requisitions reach either of the above mentioned Sections prior to having passed through Mrs. Mills' office, it causes confusion and delay because the Supply Section or the Procurement Section will return them to the Division for approval before shipment is made.

All requisitions should be prepared in sets of six. If six copies are not received, it causes further delay and additional work in the Washington office. Forms, of any kind, should not be ordered on a requisition calling for miscellaneous supplies. All Forms must be ordered separately - and always six copies to a set.

2a. GOVERNMENT VEHICLES AVAILABLE FOR POSTAL PURPOSES DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON

Under date of November 18 Mr. Hughes, our Business Manager, directed the Divisions of our Service as follows:

"The following is quoted from a letter addressed to the Secretary by the Acting Postmaster General:

'It will be appreciated if you will have the necessary instructions issued to the representatives of your Department having custody over vehicles suitable and available for postal purposes during the coming Christmas season, in order that they may be in possession of the necessary authority to act when contacted by postmasters and representatives of the Federal Business Associations.'

'The Department will be grateful for every possible assistance in placing at the disposal of the postal service as many vehicles as possible for this special purpose. Owing to present conditions, it is anticipated that the demand for vehicles in the postal service this year will be greater than ever before, hence the urgent appeal for cooperation to the fullest extent.'

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE

GOVERNMENT VEHICLES AVAILABLE FOR POSTAL PURPOSES DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON  
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"It is requested that you instruct your field offices to cooperate, upon the request of the Post Office Department or the Federal Business Associations, in every way possible consistent with the proper functioning of your bureau."

Will you kindly see that this request is brought to the attention of your field offices, with the suggestion that they cooperate with the Post Office Department or the Federal Business Associations in every way possible consistent with the proper functioning of their work.

JAMES G. CROSS

Mr. James G. Cross passed away at his home in Chevy Chase, Maryland, on November 22, 1940, after an illness of approximately three weeks.

In the interest of the entire Market News Service of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Mr. Cross was immediately responsible for all contacts and negotiations with transportation lines, express companies and steamship lines, for the purpose of securing nation-wide telegraphic reports covering the daily shipments of farm products. These telegraphic reports form the basis of the various market news reports issued by our Service.

Mr. Cross first entered the Department in September, 1918, holding an appointment as Specialist in Transportation with the Bureau of Markets, later to become known as the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Before entering the Bureau he had fourteen years experience in transportation work, such experience having included employment with the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad Company and the Interstate Commerce Commission. Immediately prior to his appointment to the Bureau of Markets he served for six years as Agent at Potomac Yards, Virginia, one of the largest and most important railroad diversion points in the East.

Having possessed a forceful supply of energy and an intense interest in the service for which he did so much to promote, Mr. Cross leaves an enviable record of achievements. He is survived by his wife and son.

~~-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-~~1b. CHANGE AND ADDITION ON THE WHITE POTATO AND APPLE PAGES OF THE CODE:  
(Effective December 5)

On the WHITE POTATO (PA-PE) page of the code change the meaning of

PEN State trade mark grade to

PEI New York Red Label grade

This is at the suggestion of Mr. J.C. Keller of the Rochester office

On the APPLE (KA) page of the code add

IK Red Delicious

This addition, made at the suggestion of Mr. Chastain of the St. Louis office, is to make it possible to quote more accurately the many new strains of all-red Delicious which are now appearing on the markets.

2b. WISCONSIN POTATOES

Carlot shipments of Wisconsin potatoes have been very light to date, with much of the movement being by motor truck.

Heavy and general infestations of blight cut the Wisconsin potato estimated production to the lowest figure in many years. With a light crop and with many truckers going directly to the farmer, several warehouses in Wisconsin are closed. Some of the warehouses are filled with North Dakota potatoes, of which a few hundred cars have been stored in Wisconsin by operators.

The demand for Wisconsin potatoes has been light to date, with buyers here generally finding themselves unable to compete successfully with Minnesota and North Dakota potatoes except for shipment to nearby points.  
(P.A. Nicholson, 11/26/40)

B. C. Boree

Division Letter, November 29, 1940

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>First Bulletin</u>	<u>Probably Will Close</u>
*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	J.B. Owens	Beans	Nov. 4	Dec. -
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	295	R.E. Keller	Fruits & Vegetables	Nov. 9 " "	Jan. 10 Apr. 15
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G. Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 26	Apr. 16
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 1	June 12
*Phoenix, Ariz. Security Bldg.	815	A.M. McDowell	Lettuce	Dec. 2	Jan. 4
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	April 30
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 9 " 9 " 11 " 9 Oct. 7 Sept. 9 " 9 " 18 " 16	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Jan. 3 Nov. 2 April 22 Nov. 2 Oct. 4 May 6
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A. Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 3	March 31
*Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 21 Nov. 18	March 31 May 31

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON APPROXIMATELY THE DATE INDICATED

\*Fresno, Calif.  
Holland Bldg.      919      A. M. McDowell Grapes      July 22      Nov. 20

\*State cooperating

J.A. Hunter - New York City office.  
R.H. Peterson - on leave.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. CUTTING GARLIC BULBS TO DETERMINE DECAY

Garlic bulbs frequently contain a single clove which is affected with decay although there is no external evidence of this defect. Apparently different procedure is being followed in different markets in determining the presence of such decay. Without doubt the most accurate results are determined by taking a composite sample from all sacks examined and cutting all specimens. This, however, is expensive and is not in accord with commercial inspection practices. Unless a bulb shows some outward sign of decay it passes through the usual channels of trade without objection even though it may contain a concealed clove which is affected with dry rot. It is felt, therefore, that only those specimens should be cut which show some external evidence of concealed decay. If a decayed clove is readily visible there is no necessity for cutting the bulb.

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Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff,  
Nebraska.

F. G. Robb

Division Letter, November 29, 1940

OFFICE NOTES

W.G. Meal left Washington on November 25 for the purpose of conferring with State officials and Service representatives at points in Florida, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia. He will return to Washington about December 6. On December 9, Mr. Meal will go to Baltimore, Md., for the purpose of attending a meeting of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Messrs. R.H. Shoemaker and W.H. Steinbauer are investigating complaints under the P.A.C. Act at points in Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Missouri. It is not expected they will return to Washington until late in December.

J.W. Park will spend about two weeks, beginning December 2, in Southern States obtaining information for use in preparing bulletins on marketing information pertaining to greens and pecans.

John W. Dodds has assumed his new duties in the Washington processed foods office.

R.C. Lindstrom will relieve S. M. Green at Great Lakes, Ill., for about two weeks beginning November 30, while the latter undergoes an operation.

On November 25, Herbert F. Foye, of the Boston Joint Office, began a year of military duty, with the 101st Observation Squadron, Mass. National Guard.

Fain Cesar in charge of the Tulsa, Oklahoma inspection work, advises his official address is 2444 East 14th Place. Telephone No. 6-0422. This information should be inserted in all receiving point inspection address lists.

Dr. Alice Edwards, of the processed foods office, is visiting Boston, New York City and Philadelphia, in the order named, for the purpose of discussing plans for the consumers study on grade labeling of processed foods with the personnel of the Home Economics Units at the various Universities which are cooperating in this work.

L. M. Billman spent several days of the current week inspecting processed foods at points in Maryland and West Virginia.

Robert M. Fox, of St. Louis, Missouri, and Earlis R. Mead, of Kansas City, Kansas, are new appointees who will report for duty on December 2 as Jr. Marketing Specialists in the Chicago office of the market news service.

Ober G. Strauss, who formerly served with this Division from 1920-1935, has been reinstated, effective December 2, 1940, and will report for duty as an Assistant Marketing Specialist in the New York City inspection office on that date.

TOTAL SHIPPING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING OCTOBER, 1940  
 (L.c.l.'s reduced to carlot equivalents).

<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Carlot or Carlot Equiv.</u>
Arizona	74	Nebraska	360
Arkansas	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	New Hampshire	3
California	7540	New York	711
Colorado	1917	North Carolina	29
Delaware	227	North Dakota	3416
Florida	2676	Ohio	386
Idaho	5617	Oregon	3714
Illinois	50	Pennsylvania	772
Indiana	120	South Dakota	3
Iowa	31	Texas	3209
Kansas	109	Utah	149*
Louisiana	543	Virginia	1540
Maine	635 $\frac{1}{2}$	Washington	3997-7/8
Massachusetts	24	West Virginia	533
Michigan	3308-5/8	Wisconsin	124
Minnesota	2315	Wyoming	15
Montana	2	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>44,156<math>\frac{1}{4}</math></u>

\*There were 414 trucklots aggregating 4,654,901 pounds of various fruits and vegetables inspected under State Regulatory Acts.

The following reports not yet received: Maryland, New Jersey, and New Mexico.  
 Inspections for S.M.A. not included in the above: California 583, Colorado 517,  
 Idaho 232, West Virginia 383, and Wisconsin 376.

RECEIVING POINT INSPECTIONS DURING OCTOBER, 1940

<u>Markets</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Same Month</u>
	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Last Year</u>	<u>Markets</u>	<u>Inspections</u>
Albany	8	10	Miami	14
Atlanta	18	34	Milwaukee	30
Baltimore	47	55	Minneapolis	23
Boston	105	222	Newark	14
Buffalo	54	71	New Haven	17
Chicago	176	207	New Orleans	91
Cincinnati	24	28	New York	527
Cleveland	57	48	Norfolk	18
Columbus	33	34	Oklahoma City	13
Denver	20	11	Philadelphia	46
Detroit	207	188	Pittsburgh	77
East Providence	8	15	Portland	13
Fargo	1	0	Rochester	14
Fort Worth	8	6	St. Louis	42
Harrisburg	1	2	Salt Lake City	0
Hartford	27	26	San Francisco	1
Houston	23	27	Seattle	11
Indianapolis	9	13	Tampa	5
Jackson	1	-	Trenton	1
Jacksonville	56	78	Washington, D.C.	13
Kansas City	40	75	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>1919</u>
Los Angeles	16	14	Total fees assessed for	Total last year
Memphis	10	7	October, 1940, \$7,938.26	\$9,310.02

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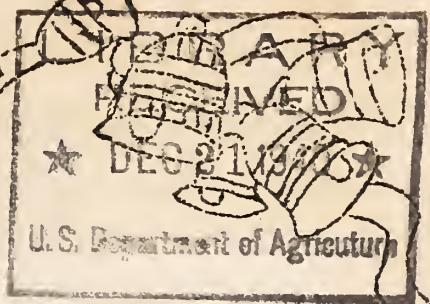
INSPECTIONS OF FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FOR USE BY VARIOUS PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES  
 (All figures represent fruits and vegetables in pounds)

October, 1940.

<u>Cities</u>	<u>Coast</u>	<u>Public</u>	<u>Health &amp;</u>	<u>State,</u>
	<u>Marine &amp; Guard</u>	<u>N.Y. Medi-</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Steam-</u>
	<u>Veterans!</u>	<u>Quarter-</u>	<u>Maritime</u>	<u>&amp; City</u>
	<u>Hospit-</u>	<u>master</u>	<u>Commiss-</u>	<u>ship</u>
	<u>tal</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>cal cen-</u>	<u>Institu-</u>
	<u>Navy</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>sion</u>	<u>tions</u>
	<u>Baltimore</u>	<u>Corps</u>	<u>ter</u>	<u>Lines</u>
Boston.	-	-	-	13,631
Chicago	-	12,071	-	-
Detroit	-	23,351	-	-
Great Lakes	847,485	161,490	-	-
Los Angeles	-	352,308	59,190	-
Memphis	-	22,340	-	-
Milwaukee	-	181,866	-	-
Newark	9,205	78,826	-	-
New York	250,907	119,248	65,319	1,350,501
Norfolk	1,743,056	-	52,145	8,246
Philadelphia	296,567	75,756	19,225	272,094
Pittsburgh	-	39,555	4,624	-
St. Louis	-	21,863	22,448	23,088
San Diego	1,971,709	-	509,524	334,342
San Francisco	1,798,699	-	-	-
San Pedro	1,534,169	-	-	-
Vallejo	832,539	-	26,467	-
Washington D.C.	-	-	-	36,265
TOTAL	9,284,336	1,068,674	702,173	195,075
GRAND TOTAL	14,536,017	-	60,361	44,511,1651

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AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D.C.



FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

December 13, 1940  
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To You

It's nice to pause  
a moment  
when Christmastime  
draws near

To wish you a  
Merry Christmas

And a very glad  
New Year.  
W.G.McAul.



**1a. GROUP LIABILITY INSURANCE**

There is quoted below a memorandum of November 28, 1940, addressed by the Acting Chief, Office of Plant and Operations, to Chiefs of Bureaus, which is self-explanatory.

"For several years group liability insurance has been made available to employees of this Department who drive Government-owned automobiles, and it seems desirable to inform new employees as to the rates charged and where the insurance may be obtained. This insurance is written by Ralph W. Lee & Company, 1508 L Street, N. W., Lewis A. Payne & Company, Investment Building, Long & Curry, Barr Building. All of these firms are located in Washington, D.C.

"Group insurance rates for the year beginning November 1, 1940, are \$8.00 for personal injury damage up to \$5,000 for one, and \$10,000 for two or more persons and for property damage up to \$5,000. For personal damage up to \$10,000 for one person and \$20,000 for two or more persons, and property damage up to \$5,000, the charge is \$9.20.

"The above mentioned firms have informed the Department that this type of insurance cannot be sold in certain States. The list follows as given by each agency:

Ralph W. Lee & Company -  
Louisiana, New Hampshire, New York, North Carolina, Texas,  
Virginia, Washington.

Long & Curry -  
Iowa, Ohio, Oregon, Washington.

Lewis A. Payne & Company -  
New Hampshire, Virginia, Washington, and the rates for North Carolina will be 50% of the standard premiums applying in that State.

"It is stated, however, that employees from States not listed above who carry this kind of insurance are fully protected when temporarily stationed or travelling in the States listed.

"The insurance is purely personal. No particular car is covered. The protection runs with operation of Government-owned cars or cars assigned to Government use.

"Employees interested in obtaining liability insurance should communicate directly with one of the above mentioned firms. With inquiries there should be furnished location of car, make, model number and year, and statement whether coach or sedan. Do not send checks in payment of premium to the Department of Agriculture."

GROUP LIABILITY INSURANCE (cont'd)

This memorandum should be brought to the attention of all employees driving Government-owned cars or who use their own or others' cars in the transaction of official business. The rates quoted by these concerns are well below the standard rates offered by insurance companies covering privately-owned, passenger-carrying cars operated for personal use.

F. J. Hughes.  
Business Manager.

2a. 1940 LEAVE SLIPS

"Effective January 1, 1941, the Time and Leave Office is adopting a machine system for recording leave applications. In order that the system may be properly inaugurated, it is essential that all 1940 leave slips be submitted as soon after December 31, 1940, as possible, but in any event not later than January 10, 1941. This applies both to Washington and Field.

"The 1941 records will be prepared on machine and the first entry of record will be the amount of accrued annual and sick leave that each employee has as of January 1, 1941, after having deducted all leave taken during 1940. It is therefore essential that these 1940 leave application forms be promptly rendered.

"Any leave slips applicable to 1940 received subsequent to January 10, 1941, will require an adjustment in the Time and Leave records, necessitating considerable extra work which must be avoided. Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated."

F. J. Hughes  
Business Manager.

The above will also be carried in the AMS News, but is carried in this D.L. so that it will not be overlooked by any of our employees. Please cooperate.

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**-MARKET NEWS SERVICE-****1b. CHANGE ON THE POTATO (PA-PE) PAGE OF THE CODE: (Effective Dec. 21)**

On the POTATO (PA-PE) page of the code change

PAX 90-lb. sacks to read

PAX 75-lb. sacks

This will be useful for reporting Prince Edward Island potatoes.

**2b. NEW YORK PRODUCTS**

Western New York, along with other sections of the country, experienced unseasonable cold weather with sub-zero temperatures Tuesday night. With the advent of cold weather the demand for cabbage improved considerably, and prices advanced \$1.00 to \$2.00 per ton. Growers are now receiving \$4.50 to \$5.00 bulk per ton with occasional lots at \$6.00 and a few as low as \$4.00. Dealers are now selling at \$9.00 to \$11.00, sacked per ton. Considerable cabbage, in barns and in buildings not too well protected against the cold, was frozen.

The onion market has continued to advance, due primarily to growers refusing to sell at previous prices, now that supplies are coming from common storage. The price to growers is now around \$1.10 to \$1.25 per hundredweight, mostly \$1.20 to \$1.25, with occasional lots higher and lower. Dealers are now selling fifty pound sacks at 75¢ to 83¢ for the desirable sizes.

A small amount of Canadian export business for canning pears was reported about two weeks ago. The cannery paid 65¢ to 75¢ f.o.b. per bushel for Kieffer pears, according to quality, for approximately 25 cars. Other than this small order, there has been practically no demand from the Canadian cannery. In past years this has been the principal market for the western New York Kieffer pear crop.

The celery market continues inactive, but, some demand is expected to develop during the next 10 or 15 days. Quality is getting poorer. The price to growers is now around 80¢ to \$1.00 per two-thirds crate; cold storage charges are 50¢ per crate; dealers are selling at about 10¢ over this combined cost.

The carrot movement has been light, with the f.o.b. market holding steady at \$14.00 to \$15.00 bulk per ton for unwashed Red Core Chantenays and 60¢ to 65¢ per bushel for the washed Coreless.

The apple demand has been light, but prices have been holding about steady. The principal variety now moving is the Rhode Island Greening, with occasional offerings of McIntosh, Wealthys, and Cortlands. (J.C.Keller - 12/7/40)

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TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail In List</u>	<u>In Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Probably</u>
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E. Keller	Fruits & Vegetables	Nov. 9 "	Jan. 10 "	Apr. 15
Idaho Falls, Idaho 206 Federal Bldg.	845-R	R.G. Risser	Potatoes	Sept. 26	Apr. 16	
*Lakeland, Fla. P.O. Box 191	920	H.F. Willson	Citrus Fruits	Oct. 1	June 12	
*Phoenix, Ariz. Security Bldg.	815	A.M. McDowell	Lettuce	Dec. 2	Jan. 4	
*Presque Isle, Maine Federal Bldg.	842-R	S.W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept. 17	April 30	
*Rochester, N.Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	837	J.C. Keller	Apples Cabbage Carrots Celery Grapes Onions Pears Peaches Potatoes	Sept. 9 " 11 " Oct. 7 Sept. 9 " " " 16	May 20 Feb. 24 May 20 Jan. 3 Nov. 2 April 22 Nov. 2 Oct. 4 May 6	
*Waupaca, Wis. Court House	894-R	P.A. Nicholson	Potatoes	Sept. 3	March 31	
*Weslaco, Texas P.O. Bldg.	931	R.E. Winfrey	Citrus Vegetables	Oct. 31 Nov. 18	March 31 May 31	

THE FOLLOWING STATION IS EXPECTED TO CLOSE ON APPROXIMATELY THE DATE INDICATED

*Belle Glade, Fla.	937	J.B. Owens	Beans	Nov. 4	Dec. 21
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THE FOLLOWING STATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO OPEN ON APPROXIMATELY THE DATES INDICATED

*Plant City, Fla.	850	R.M. Peterson	Strawberries Lettuce	Dec. 23 " 23	April 10 March 15
*Pompano, Fla.	937	J.B. Owens	Beans Potatoes Peppers Green Peas Tomatoes	Dec. 26 " 26 " 26 Jan. 20	March 31 " 31 " 28 March 31

\*State cooperating

J.A. Hunter - New York City office

R.M. Peterson - on leave

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## -REGULATORY SERVICE-

le. FRAUDULENT LABELLING OF BARRELS OF POTATOES

A recent decision under the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act may be of interest to inspectors and market news men in the field. The decision was on a disciplinary complaint against M. J. Duer & Co., Inc., Exmore, Virginia, who labelled 180 barrels of potatoes as U.S. No. 1 grade, loaded and shipped them to a commission merchant in Brooklyn for sale on consignment. Upon arrival in Brooklyn the potatoes were Federally inspected upon the application of the receiver and were found to have grade defects ranging from 30 to 75%, <sup>mostly</sup> or an average of approximately 50%, the defects noted by the inspector being Pitted Scab and "Sunburn," which could not have developed in transit.

The following is quoted from the published summary of the rulings of the Secretary set forth in the decision:

Respondent's act in labelling 180 barrels of potatoes as U.S. No. 1 grade, when in fact they were of a decidedly and obviously inferior grade, and the shipment in interstate commerce of the potatoes so labeled to a consignee for marketing purposes, constituted misrepresentation for a fraudulent purpose. Respondent was under a duty to make some inspection before using such a mark as "U.S. No. 1" which, in its very essence, implies that an inspection has been made. Representation was made for a fraudulent purpose in that no other intent could be attributed to the labelling of the potatoes as U.S. No. 1 than that the representation was to be relied upon as representative of the commodity grade by the recipient commission merchant and purchasers or prospective purchasers. In this case it was not necessary to find that the misrepresentation was relied upon and resulted in damage to any individual occupying a contractual relationship with the respondent. Such reliance, damage and relationship would be necessary if the action were one in contract or deceit for the recovery of damages; but in this instance the action was brought under a statute which requires only the proof of misrepresentation for a fraudulent purpose. A person comes within the purview of the statutory prohibition by committing an act with the requisite intent or purpose, regardless of whether the intent or purpose culminates in actual reliance and damage to a person receiving goods in interstate commerce. The prudence of Congress in adopting paragraph 5, section 2, as a means of accomplishing the objectives of the Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act is exemplified by the facts of the instant case, where the acts of the shipper, if uncontrolled, would seriously impair the efficiency of the Government grading system and the orderly marketing of perishable agricultural commodities. Respondent's license No. 1514, was suspended for thirty days, the suspension to be held in abeyance for the period of one year from the date of this order, to become effective upon the issuance of a supplemental order if the Secretary shall have reason to believe that respondent has, within the one-year period, again violated any of the provisions of the act or the regulations promulgated thereunder.

H. A. Spilman

**-INSPECTION SERVICE-****G. W. PAYNE RETIRES**

Mr. G.W. Payne will retire from the inspection service on December 31, having reached his seventieth birthday on December 10. His annual leave, which began December 9, will carry him through the remainder of the month.

Mr. Payne was appointed in November 1917 and after a short period of training spent several months in the inspection of fruits and vegetables in the New York City market. Early in 1918 he was transferred to Boston where he was placed in charge of the office. He continued in this position until the fall of 1926 when he was returned to New York City as Assistant Supervising Inspector. In 1929 he was advanced to the position of Assistant Regional Supervisor of the Northeastern District and has held this position since that time.

Mr. Payne's previous experience in the fruit and vegetable industry has enabled him to make a notable contribution to the inspection service, particularly in its early days when standards had been established for only a few products and the best trade practices were the guide in the certification of quality. His excellent knowledge of trade practices and of commercial values of fresh fruits and vegetables has been of great assistance to both the shipping point and receiving market branches of the service. As Assistant Regional Supervisor his excellent knowledge of the many administrative details of the service, splendid sense of fairness, and good judgment enabled him to fill this exacting position most acceptably to his associates throughout the District and his superiors in Washington.

His genial personality, pleasant smile, and genuine friendliness will long be remembered by those who have been privileged to work with him for so many years.

It is understood that Mr. and Mrs. Payne will go to Florida about January 15 for a well earned vacation and that they will later move to Washington, D.C., which was the former home of both Mr. and Mrs. Payne.

**1f. INSPECTORS\_APPEARING\_AT\_HEARINGS\_OF\_PRIVATE\_AGENCIES**

It has come to the attention of the Washington office that inspectors are sometimes requested to appear at hearings held by private "Adjustment Agencies" for the purpose of testifying regarding their inspections and their personal knowledge of various facts connected with the transaction. Ordinarily it is not proper for inspectors to appear before such agencies and testify regarding facts developed in connection with official inspections. There may be circumstances when it will be proper to do this but full information should be sent to the Washington office and permission obtained before giving testimony at such unofficial hearings.



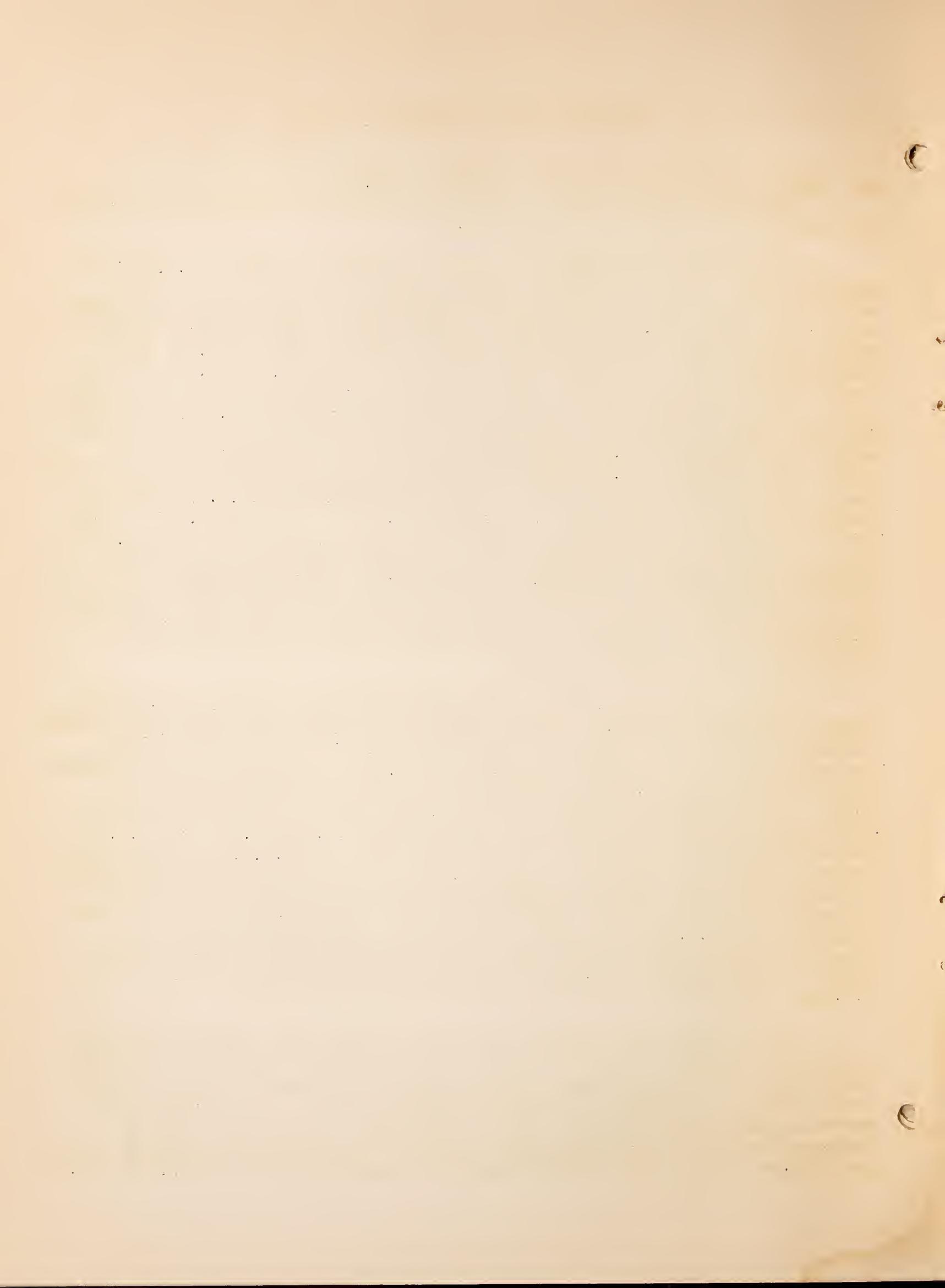
2f. REVISION\_OF\_PARAGRAPH\_236-237 = PART\_1 - I.H.B.

The monthly report F.P.I. 11 and 11a covering the preceding month should be prepared on the first day of each month.

On the first sheet (F.P.I. 11) show the number of carlot and l.c.l. inspections made. In those markets issuing truck form certificates, if one certificate covers inspection of several commodities, this should be considered as one l.c.l. inspection. The number of certificates issued during the month should include those listed on truck forms and Produce Agency forms. Under "Fees assessed" list the carlot fees for grade and condition, the l.c.l. fees, produce agency fees, the appeal inspection fees, and fees assessed on any other basis. It is not necessary to report a mixed car separately on F.P.I. 11 unless more than three certificates are issued on a car. When this is done, show the number of \$7.50 carlot fees. Example: A mixed car of two commodities, on which fees of \$4.00 and \$2.50 are assessed would have one fee included in carlot space and one in the l.c.l. If two or three certificates on l.c.l. lots are issued, they would be included in the number of l.c.l. fees at \$2.50. If four or more are issued on one car, it would be reported as one carlot fee at \$7.50. Under the heading "Other Expenses" list all expenses which are not directly connected with specific inspections. For example: Traveling expense to an out of town market when no certificate was issued because settlement had been made previous to the arrival of the inspector and no inspection was required. Under "Transmitted to Washington during month", include only schedules of collections dated within that month.

On the second sheet (F.P.I. 11a) list the number of carlot inspections under the proper commodities. When a mixed car contains more than three products, it should be listed as a mixed car and nowhere else. If it contains three products it should be listed as three l.c.l. lots. If it contains two products of equal amount with a \$2.50 fee for each it should be listed as two l.c.l. lots. If it contains one small lot with a \$2.50 fee and one large lot with a \$4.00 fee, it should be listed as one carlot and one l.c.l. lot. On all l.c.l. inspections show the number and kind of containers. If an l.c.l. inspection covers a number of commodities list one l.c.l. inspection opposite mixed fruits or mixed fruits and vegetables under "lots" and show the kind and number of containers of each commodity which make up this inspection opposite the proper headings. If the l.c.l. is made up of only one commodity list it as one inspection under "lots" opposite the proper commodity and show the kind and number of containers. The Produce Agency inspections are also to be included on F.P.I. 11a.

In order that the monthly reports may show the total volume of work in each market, special inspections such as those made for the Western Perishable Carload Receiver's Association, Railroad Perishable Inspection Agency and any other special work should be included on both 11 and 11a. The number of inspections under cooperative or special agreements, such as those with the Railroad Perishable Inspection Agency should be listed separately when no fees are charged, the salaries of the inspectors being paid by the cooperating agency.



3f. REPLIES TO LETTERS PERTAINING TO P.A.C.A. CASES SHOULD BEAR FILE NUMBER IN UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER

Letters regarding pending P.A.C.A. cases are frequently sent from this office to inspectors. Each of these letters carries a P.A.C.A. case file number in the upper left-hand corner in the following form: (I am using as an example, File PACA C-4201)

"In replying please refer to  
File PACA C-4201"

It is important that replies to such letters carry the case file number. All inspectors who have occasion to reply to such letters are therefore instructed to see that the file number appears in the upper left-hand corner of the reply as follows:

"File PACA C-4201"

4f. THE CANADIAN FRUIT, VEGETABLES AND HONEY ACT AND REGULATIONS

With this Division Letter there is being mailed to each inspector a copy of the Canadian Fruit, Vegetables and Honey Act with Orders and Regulations No. 35, revised in 1940.

This contains the Canadian grades and their Export and Import Regulations. Of particular interest to all inspectors will be section F beginning on page 100. Paragraph 2 of this section deals particularly with the issuing of Government inspection certificates to show compliance of Export shipments with these Regulations.

5f. REPORT FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DISEASE HANDBOOKS

Paragraph 1f on page 124 of Division Letter dated July 26 contained a request that each office report the number of Fruit and Vegetable Disease Handbooks on hand. A large number of offices have not replied. Please do this immediately so it will not be necessary to write individual letters to those who have neglected to reply. Please send your reply direct to F.G. Robb.

6f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion and potato reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Indiana.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 N. Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg, W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebraska.

7f. ENCLOSURES - CIRCULAR NO. 571 (Chinese Cabbage Varieties) and CIRCULAR - MARKET INSPECTION OF APPLES.

Accompanying this D.L., for each inspector, are copies of revised circular - "Market Inspection of Apples" and Circular No. 571 - "Chinese Cabbage Varieties, Their Classification, Description, and Culture in the Central Great Plains."



**8f. WIFES REQUESTING REPORTS ON FLORIDA INSPECTIONS**

Attention is again called to article 1f on page 46 of Division Letter of March 22, 1940. Wire requests for reports of citrus inspections in Florida should be sent to H. M. Riley, 10 Postal Arcade Bldg., Winter Haven, Florida, and wires requesting information regarding other products should be sent to H. S. Flynt, 410 Exchange Bldg., Orlando, Florida.

F.G. Robb

**OFFICE NOTES:**

R. H. Bertelson is temporarily located at 305 American Ave., Nogales, Arizona. P.O. Box 1646. Telephone No. 222. Mr. Bertelson is at Nogales for the purpose of supervising the inspection of Mexican vegetables, the season having opened on November 26.

H. A. Arenz advises that, effective December 4, his office at San Diego will be located at Navy Stores Landing, Foot of 28th Street. Mail should, as formerly, be addressed to him at P.O. Box 928. His telephone number remains the same - Main 1337. A new Navy pier is being constructed at Mr. Arenz's former address - foot of E Street. It is expected that it will take two years to complete the new pier.

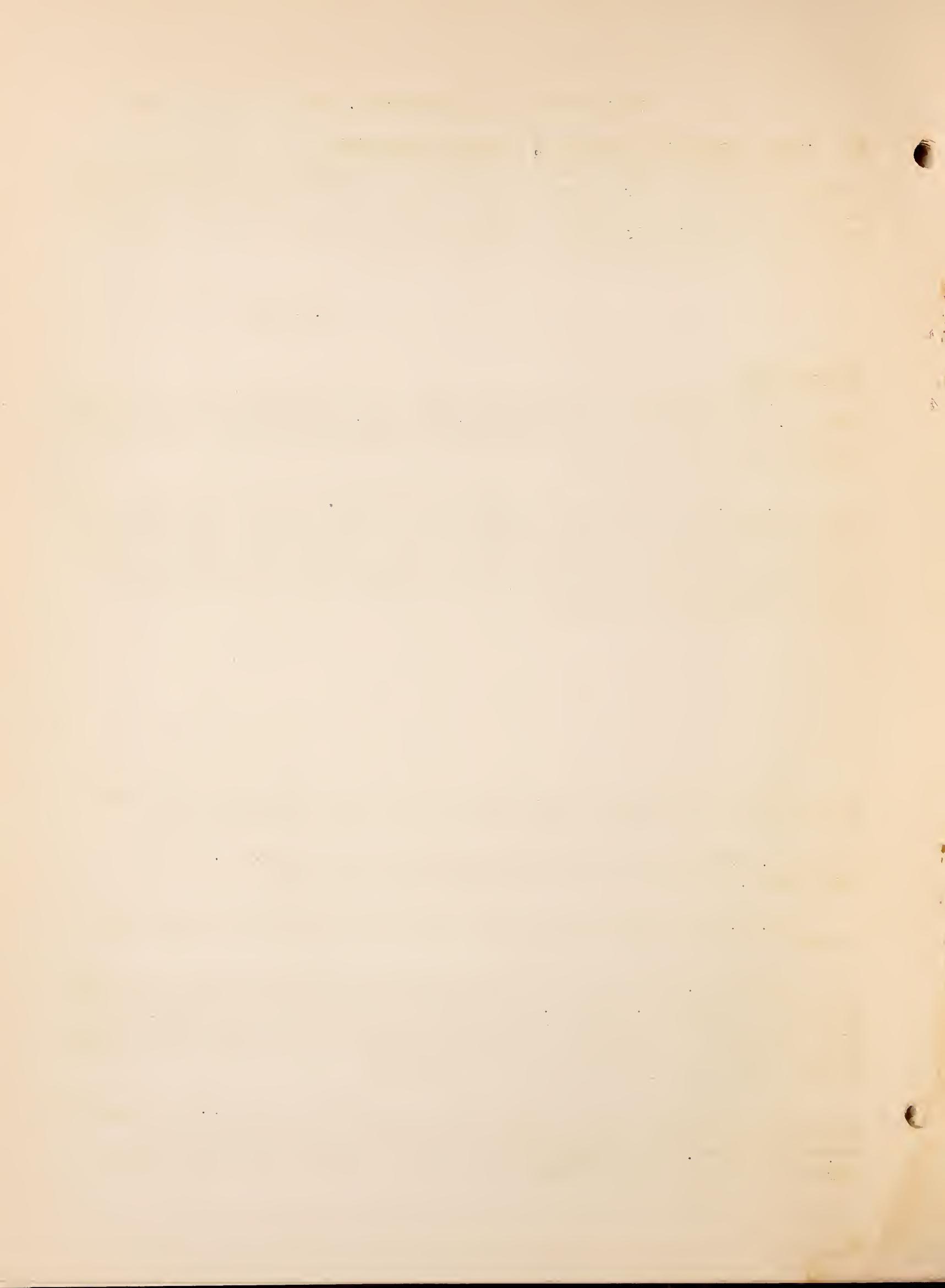
It is expected that Mrs. Mills, who has been absent from duty since November 21 due to illness, will return to her desk on December 16.

G. W. Winfrey is making investigations under the P.A.C. Act at Pittsburgh. He will return to Washington early next week.

W. L. Lewis has returned to the Washington office after having been on duty in Florida since last August.

George B. Crisp has been transferred from the New York City inspection office to Frostproof, Florida, where he will be in charge of processed food inspections under the terms of a contract signed by the Florida Fruit Canners, Inc., providing for continuous factory inspection of all canned fruits packed by that firm at its plant located at Frostproof.

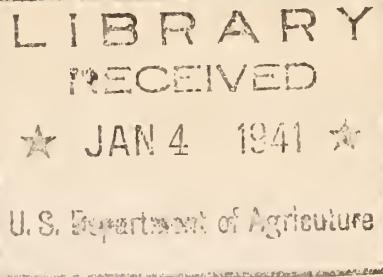
It is regretted that we are unable to include in this D.L. an item with reference to Holiday leave, if any, to be granted as the result of an Executive Order. If such an Order is issued, a special memorandum will be prepared and sent to each office.



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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION LETTER

Not for publication

1a. LEAVE APPLICATIONS AND RECORDS - 1941

Within the past few days there was mailed to each office a copy of Administrative Memorandum No. 267, Supplement No. 26, dated December 18, 1940, outlining the procedure to be followed in connection with the new leave application forms - a small supply of which accompanied the Administrative Memorandum. The instructions contained in the Administrative Memorandum should be carefully studied in order that the proper-colored form of application for leave will be submitted by the respective 7-hour and 8-hour employees.

If any office has failed to receive the new application for leave forms, together with instructions for their use, please immediately notify Mrs. E. Mills.

2a. December 31 - Not a Holiday

In answer to numerous inquiries, field offices are advised that no Executive Order has been issued in which Tuesday, December 31, or any portion of the day, has been declared a holiday. Should such an Order be issued every effort will be made to notify the field accordingly.

3a. ENCLOSURE:

R. L. Spangler is the author of an interesting 66-page pamphlet entitled "Retail Trade Practices and Preferences for Late-Crop Potatoes in Chicago and Suburbs, And Quality Analyses of Potatoes Offered For Sale To Consumers, 1939-40." Copies of this pamphlet are being distributed to each office with this issue of the D. L.

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## 1b. CHANGES ON THE F AND WA-WI PAGES OF THE CODE: (Effective January 4)

On the F (SHIPMENTS AND RECEIPTS CONTINUED) page of the code cancel the meaning for

FIG New Rochelle, N.Y. and insert

FIG Onleyville, R.I.

Any passings destined to New Rochelle will hereafter be shown in English.

On the WA-WI (MISCELLANEOUS) page of the code cancel the present meanings for

IG 9s to 12s and

IH 9s to 14s and insert

IG 11s and 12s

IH heavy to 12s

These will have special application for California cauliflower.

2b. PHOENIX LETTUCE

Although the Phoenix lettuce season was a few days late in starting, warm weather has brought the crop along rapidly and we are now past the peak. The heavy movement of the last several days has depressed the market to the point where prices are barely above harvesting and packing costs and some shippers are ready to discontinue loading if they cannot sell f.o.b. or secure advances to cover these costs. If weather and market conditions permit, there will be heavy loadings Monday and Tuesday, followed by steadily decreasing movement the remainder of the week, becoming fairly light by New Year's. Unfavorable weather or market conditions would result in the movement being spread out a little longer. (A. M. McDowell, 12/21/40)

B.C. Boree

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS OF MARKET NEWS SERVICE

<u>Stations</u>	<u>Mail In</u>	<u>List Charge</u>	<u>Products</u>	<u>Bulletin</u>	<u>First</u>	<u>Probably</u>	<u>Will Close</u>
*Grand Rapids, Mich. 412 P.O. Bldg.	895	R.E. Keller	Fruits & Vegetables	Nov. 9 "	Jan. 10 "		
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\*Phoenix, Ariz.  
Security Bldg.      815      A.M. McDowell      Lettuce      Dec. 2      Jan. 4

\*State cooperating

OFFICE NOTES:

An inspector's training class (fresh fruits and vegetables) will be held for two weeks, beginning January 6, at Chicago, to be attended by newly appointed Federal inspectors and a number of cooperative Federal-State inspectors who are being sent by the respective States. A complete list of those attending this class will appear in the next Division Letter.

The following Market News Service assignments will be effective shortly after the New Year: A.M. McDowell will go to San Francisco taking charge of that office, while W.F. Cox goes from there to St. Louis. W.J. Chastain goes from St. Louis to the seasonal office at Sanford, Florida, while J.A. Hunter will be sent to California, taking Mr. McDowell's place at Fresno. Mr. Hunter will also conduct the seasonal offices at Phoenix.

W.G. Meal will attend a meeting of the National League of Wholesale Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Distributors at Cleveland, Ohio, January 8-9-10.

O.H. Beasley, of the San Francisco office, will attend a meeting of the Northwest Canners' Association to be held at Portland, Oregon, January 8-9-10. Mr. Beasley will conduct informal conferences and receive suggestions for improving Federal grades.

Beginning December 30, Robert Bier will spend about a week or ten days in the vicinity of Suffolk, Virginia, supervising the inspection work on peanuts.

E.P. Bostwick will leave the San Francisco processed foods office on December 27 to go to Lakeland, Florida, where he will inspect processed foods for the next several months at the request of the S.M.A.

Lawrence Rasaka, who, for the past several months, has been engaged on continuous factory inspection work on processed foods in California, is now at Eustis, Florida, engaged on similar work under the terms of an agreement with the Wegner Canning Corporation.

A training class for processed foods inspectors will be held in the New York City office for two weeks beginning January 6, to be attended by the following men: H.M. Branch, G.A. Crone, H.L. Geer, D.L. Lacy, W.H. Lappen, D.S. Matheson, C.L. Powell, B.H. Rowell and F.L. Southerland.

-INSPECTION SERVICE-

1f. SCORING BROWN CALYX OF PEAS

Paragraph 34 of receiving market circular on the inspection of fresh peas discusses the treatment of "brown calyx." This paragraph is not intended to cover cases in which the calyx leaves are black, slimy, or moldy. This condition is definitely more serious than brown color, and specimens so affected may be scored against grade in receiving markets. This black, slimy or moldy deterioration should, however, be treated as a condition factor. If a lot is out of grade on account of such injury to the calyx leaves it should be certified "Now fails to grade etc."

2f. BUDWORM INJURY OF SPINACH

Information from the Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine indicates that the budworm which eats the hearts of spinach plants can develop quite rapidly. It is questionable whether worms will be hatched out at temperatures which ordinarily prevail in a car of spinach while in transit but there seems to be no doubt but what the extent of injury caused by the development of worms which were extremely small at shipping point may be serious enough to warrant throwing the affected plants out of grade at destination. Section 4 of Regulation 5 of S.R.A. 93, Second Revision provides that appeal inspection may be revised if "the quality or condition of the products has undergone a material change since the original inspection." It is evident, therefore, that the extent of the injury which is found in destination markets may be materially different than that which is found at shipping point. Budworm injury, therefore, should be treated as a factor of condition in receiving markets with the usual grade statement "Now fails to grade etc."

3f. TEMPORARY OR SEASONAL HEADQUARTERS OF SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION

For Indiana onion reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Warsaw, Ind.

For Nebraska reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

For Virginia apple reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 417 N.

Cameron St., Winchester, Va.

For West Virginia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Martinsburg,  
W. Va.

For Wyoming reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, Scottsbluff, Nebr.

4f. ENCLOSURES:

Accompanying this D.L., for each inspector, are the following listed U.S. Standards (Short Form): Bunched Shallots (1940); Potatoes (1940); Bunched Italian Sprouting Broccoli (1940); Winter Pears (1940) and Summer and Fall Pears (1940).

F.G. Robb

